

Trump marvels at hurricane damage, hears stories of struggle

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LYNN HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Michael Rollins shook President Donald Trump's hand Monday at the front door of his hurricane-ravaged home in the Florida Panhandle, saying he decided to ride out the storm because he didn't have anywhere else to go. "I knew I had made my commitment to stay with my animals," Rollins told the president, standing by a massive pine tree down on the front lawn. The president, along with first lady Melania Trump, listened to stories of survival and struggle as he surveyed the wreckage of Hurricane Michael. As Trump toured, the death toll stood at 17, with thousands of buildings gutted and tens of thousands of homes and businesses without electricity.

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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump hand out water during a visit to areas affected by Hurricane Michael, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Lynn Haven, Fla. Florida Gov. Rick Scott is right.

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West Coast military installations eyed for U.S. fuel exports

By **MATTHEW BROWN**

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Trump administration is considering using West Coast military installations or other federal properties to open the way for more U.S. fossil fuel exports to Asia in the name of national security and despite opposition from coastal states.

The proposal was described to The Associated Press by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and two Republican lawmakers.

"I respect the state of Washington and Oregon and California," Zinke said in an interview with AP. "But also, it's in our interest for national security and our allies to make sure that they have access to affordable energy commodities." Accomplishing that, Zinke said, may require the use of "some of our naval facilities, some of our federal facilities on the West Coast." He only identified one prospect, a mostly abandoned Alaska military base.

The idea generated a quick backlash Monday from some Democrats and environmentalists. It's tantamount to an end-run around West Coast officials who have rejected private-sector efforts to build new coal ports in their states.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, called the proposal a "hare-brained idea," and said President Donald Trump should instead consider that climate change represents a national security threat.

Boosting coal and gas exports would advance the administration's agenda to establish U.S. "energy dominance" on the world stage. The potential use of government properties for exports underscores a will-



In this February 1997 file photo, hundreds of houses, which over 6,000 military personnel and dependents called home, along with schools, warehouses, hangars, and other structures sit empty on the Adak Naval Air Facility in Alaska.

ingness to intervene in markets to make that happen. The administration in recent months has cited national security as justification for keeping domestic coal-burning power plants online to prevent disruptions of electricity supplies.

Zinke said the administration was interested in partnering with private entities in the use of federal facilities designated to help handle exports and cautioned that the idea is still in its early stages.

He specified only one site, for natural gas: the former Adak Naval Air Facility in Alaska's Aleutian Islands, which he suggested could receive fuel by barge from the North Slope. The base closed in 1997 and has been largely abandoned. Roughly 300 people live in the town of Adak, the westernmost community in the U.S.

Zinke did not name government properties that could

serve as potential coal ports or which states they are in.

Inslee responded to the proposal in a statement that Washington state officials had been left in the dark on any planning by the Trump administration. Another Democrat, Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden said the proposal shows the Trump administration was "disregarding the realities around climate change."

Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Daines of Montana said Zinke was looking at all possibilities for export terminals, including West Coast military installations. Six proposed coal ports in Washington and Oregon have been rejected or shelved due to worries about air and water pollution and rail safety, combined with changing market conditions.

"As a Montanan, he's looking for ways here to help these Rocky Moun-

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tain states like Montana and Wyoming get access to Asian markets," Daines said.

Jan Hasselman, an attorney for opponents of coal ports in Washington state, said using federal property for exports would get around some local land use restrictions, but not the need for state and federal clean water permits.

Asian exports have been held up as a lifeline for struggling U.S. coal miners as demand from the domestic power sector has plummeted and utilities switch to cheaper, cleaner fuels. The West Coast offers the most economical route because of its relative proximity to the largest coal-producing region in the U.S.: the Powder River Basin, which straddles the Montana-Wyoming border. Any export site needs access to deep waters to accommodate large ships and enough land to store

fuel awaiting shipment. Few such locations can be found on the West Coast, said Joe Aldina, a coal industry analyst with S&P Global Platts Analytics.

U.S. coal exports lately have been growing but are expected to fall over the long-term, particularly in Europe. Aldina expressed skepticism that government intervention could make much difference.

"Like everything else the Trump administration has tried to do, it's a long shot whether some of these things will work, and it's questionable whether they will really help the market," he said. A \$680 million project in Longview, Washington, was denied a key permit last year by state regulators who said it would increase greenhouse gas emissions and cause "significant and unavoidable harm to the environment." That brought a backlash from elected officials in coal-producing states. They argue the rejection of the Longview port, sponsored by Utah-based Lighthouse Resources, violated the commerce clause in the Constitution that says only Congress has the power to regulate international and interstate trade.

Montana, Wyoming and four other states joined Lighthouse Resources in a lawsuit challenging the rejection of the company's Millennium Bulk Terminals port, which could handle up to 48.5 million tons (44 million metric tons) of coal a year.

Rep. Liz Cheney, a Wyoming Republican, said she's spoken with Zinke and U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry about how to break through the bottleneck of port capacity that now exists. □



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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump tour a neighborhood affected by Hurricane Michael, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Lynn Haven, Fla. Florida Gov. Rick Scott is right.

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Trump paused his election-season campaign blitz for the visit, largely — but not completely — putting politics on the backburner for the day.

Trump visited an aid distribution center, set up in a parking lot filled with boxes of diapers, piles of clothes and bottled water. He and the first lady handed out bottles of water to residents who came to see him and tell him their stories about the storm.

"Somebody said it was like a very wide — extremely wide — tornado. ... Beyond any winds that they've seen," Trump said. "Look behind you. I mean, these massive trees are just ripped out of the earth. This is really incredible. This road — five hours ago, you couldn't ride on it."

Trump was joined by Florida Gov. Rick Scott, Federal Emergency Management Agency director

Brock Long and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Before visiting the city of Lynn Haven, Trump took a 55-minute helicopter tour of the region to see how the local and state rescue efforts were progressing. He saw houses stripped of their roofs, a water tower that had toppled to the ground and 18-wheel trucks scattered in a parking lot.

Trump also saw the heavy damage inflicted on Tyndall Air Force Base.

The president landed at an airport near Panama City, where power poles bowed toward the ground, pieces of metal roofing were scattered about and pine trees had been uprooted or were snapped in half. The view during the drive included houses smashed by trees, bent billboards and a demolished trailer park.

Power crews were working to restore power to thousands.

"Everything I've asked the

president for, he's come through," said Scott, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate. "We still have a lot of work to do. We're still getting water out, getting food out."

Rollins was among many people in the Panhandle who rode out the storm. Kayla Runyon, 22, said she evacuated to a hotel in Callaway with some relatives.

"We watched out the window and we just watched buildings be demolished," Runyon said. "Steel beams started coming through the hotel windows and through the walls. There were windows busting. We were scared. It was scary."

Trump also surveyed storm damage in Georgia, where the focus was on farmers whose crops were wiped out by the hurricane.

At a farm in Macon, Kevin Rentz, a fourth-generation cotton and peanut farmer, told Trump he lost his entire cotton crop. Rentz said he's

still digging up peanuts, but the problem is storing them without electricity.

Trump tried to reassure the farmers, asking whether they had insurance and promising that electricity would be restored soon.

"You'll get it back," Trump told Rentz.

Trump still had politics on his mind, despite the devastation he was about to see. Before leaving the White House, he tweeted about his rally crowds, claiming they are bigger than ever before, including during the 2016 election.

"Never an empty seat in these large venues," he said.

The president refused to cancel a campaign rally in Erie, Pennsylvania, last Wednesday — the day Mi-

chael struck the Panhandle — saying he couldn't disappoint the thousands of people who had been lining up for hours to see him. Trump also held rallies in Ohio and Kentucky before the Florida-Georgia visit.

In Florida, the mood at the FEMA aid distribution center seemed lighthearted despite the surrounding devastation, as Trump bantered with a crowd that seemed more interested in selfies with him than in the bottled water he was offering in the heat and humidity.

A woman carrying a toddler posed for a photo and then told Trump he should come back for barbecue. Another woman thanked the first lady for her anti-bullying campaign. □

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Associated Press

In his report, Bustamante



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Warren, who has said her Native American roots were part of "family lore," also released a video pro-

duced by her Senate reelection campaign. In it, she said: "The president likes to call my mom a liar. What do the facts say?" Bustamante replied: "The facts suggest that you absolutely have Native American ancestry in your pedigree." The analysis is not the first evidence of Warren's heritage. An 1894 document previously unearthed by the New England Genealogical Society

If Warren's ancestor were

"She is most clearly doing the things you do if you're running for president," said Steve Elmendorf, a Democratic strategist and veteran of presidential campaigns. □

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

The court's actions, the attorney general said in a speech to the conservative Heritage Foundation, represent an improper attempt "to hold a trial over the inner-workings of a Cabinet secretary's mind." With his remarks, Sessions waded into a simmering legal dispute that may ultimately be resolved by the Supreme Court, which solidified its conservative majority with the recent ad-



Associated Press

The conflict centers on a judge's order that Ross may be deposed by lawyers challenging whether

a question on citizenship legally can be included on the census. Plaintiffs in two lawsuits, including more than a dozen states and big cities, have sued,

In prepared remarks, Sessions decried the court order as but one example of judges improperly scrutinizing "internal deliberations" of an executive branch decision. He said judges

"This is why we are taking these discovery fights to the Supreme Court in emergency postures," Sessions said. "They are disrupting orderly governmental functions at great cost." □

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Microsoft co-founder, philanthropist Paul Allen dies at 65

By PHUONG LE
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Paul G. Allen, who co-founded Microsoft with his childhood friend Bill Gates before becoming a billionaire philanthropist who invested in conservation, space travel and professional sports, died Monday. He was 65. He died in Seattle from complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, his company Vulcan Inc. announced.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella called Allen's contributions to the company, community and industry "indispensable."

"As co-founder of Microsoft, in his own quiet and persistent way, he created magical products, experiences and institutions, and in doing so, he changed the world," Nadella wrote on Twitter.

Two weeks ago, Allen announced that the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that he was treated for in 2009 had returned and he planned to fight it aggressively.

"My brother was a remarkable individual on every level," Allen's sister Jody Allen said in a statement. "Paul's family and friends were blessed to experience his wit, warmth, his generosity and deep concern," she added.

Allen, an avid sports fan, owned the Portland Trail Blazers and the Seattle Seahawks.

Allen and Gates met while attending a private school in north Seattle. The two friends would later drop out of college to pursue the future they envisioned:



In this Oct. 12, 2015 file photo, Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen looks on before the start of the first quarter of an NBA preseason basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City.

Associated Press

A world with a computer in every home.

Gates so strongly believed it that he left Harvard University in his junior year to devote himself full-time to his and Allen's startup, originally called Micro-Soft. Allen spent two years at Washington State University before dropping out as well.

They founded the company in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and their first product was a computer language for the Altair hobby-kit personal computer, giving hobbyists a basic way to program and operate the machine.

After Gates and Allen found some success selling their programming language, MS-Basic, the Seattle natives moved their business in 1979 to Bellevue, Washington, not far from

its eventual home in Redmond.

Microsoft's big break came in 1980, when IBM Corp. decided to move into personal computers and asked Microsoft to provide the operating system.

Gates and company didn't invent the operating system. To meet IBM's needs, they spent \$50,000 to buy one known as QDOS from another programmer, Tim Paterson. Eventually the product refined by Microsoft — and renamed DOS, for Disk Operating System — became the core of IBM PCs and their clones, catapulting Microsoft into its dominant position in the PC industry.

The first versions of two classic Microsoft products, Microsoft Word and the Windows operating system, were released in 1983. By

1991, Microsoft's operating systems were used by 93 percent of the world's personal computers.

The Windows operating system is now used on most of the world's desktop computers, and Word is the cornerstone of the company's prevalent Office products. Gates and Allen became billionaires when Microsoft was thrust onto the throne of technology.

With his sister Jody Allen in 1986, Paul Allen founded Vulcan, the investment firm that oversees his business and philanthropic efforts. He founded the Allen Institute for Brain Science and the aerospace firm Strato-launch, which has built a colossal airplane designed to launch satellites into orbit.

He has also backed research into nuclear-fusion

power.

Over the course of several decades, Allen gave more than \$2 billion to a wide range of interests, including ocean health, homelessness and advancing scientific research.

Allen was on the list of America's wealthiest people who pledged to give away the bulk of their fortunes to charity. "Those fortunate to achieve great wealth should put it to work for the good of humanity," he said.

When he released his 2011 memoir, "Idea Man," he allowed 60 Minutes inside his home on Lake Washington, across the water from Seattle, revealing collections that ranged from the guitar Jimi Hendrix played at Woodstock to vintage war planes and a 300-foot yacht with its own submarine.

Allen served as Microsoft's executive vice president of research and new product development until 1983, when he resigned after being diagnosed with cancer. "To be 30 years old and have that kind of shock — to face your mortality — really makes you feel like you should do some of the things that you haven't done yet," Allen said in a 2000 book, "Inside Out: Microsoft in Our Own Words." His influence is firmly imprinted on the cultural landscape of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest, from the bright metallic Museum of Pop Culture designed by architect Frank Gehry to the computer science center at the University of Washington that bears his name. □



In this Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, file photo, adult film actress Stormy Daniels arrives for the opening of the adult entertainment fair "Venus," in Berlin.

Associated Press

Judge tosses Stormy Daniels' defamation suit against Trump

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge dismissed Stormy Daniels' defamation lawsuit against President Donald Trump on Monday, saying the president made a "hyperbolic statement" against a political adversary when he tweeted about a composite sketch the porn actress' lawyer released.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, sued Trump in April after he said a composite sketch of a man she said threatened her in 2011 to keep quiet about an alleged affair with the real estate mogul was a "con job."

Trump tweeted that the man was "nonexistent" and that Daniels was playing the "fake news media for fools." He retweeted a side-by-side photo comparing the sketch with a photo of Daniels' husband. In an order handed down Monday, U.S. District Judge S. James Otero said Trump's statement was protected speech under the First Amendment.

"If this Court were to prevent Mr. Trump from engaging in this type of 'rhetorical hyperbole' against a political adversary, it would significantly hamper the office of the President," the judge wrote. "Any strongly worded response by a president to another

politician or public figure could constitute an action for defamation. This would deprive this country of the 'discourse' common to the political process."

Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, vowed to appeal the decision and said he was confident it would be reversed. But the president's lawyer immediately hailed the ruling as a "total victory" for Trump.

"No amount of spin or commentary by Stormy Daniels or her lawyer, Mr. Avenatti, can truthfully characterize today's ruling in any way other than total victory for President Trump and total defeat for Stormy Daniels," Trump's attorney, Charles Harder, said in a statement. The judge's ruling also entitles Trump to collect attorneys' fees from Daniels, but the amount that Daniels would need to pay will be determined later, Harder said.

The defamation claim is separate from another lawsuit that Daniels filed against Trump, which is continuing. Daniels was paid \$130,000 as part of a nondisclosure agreement signed days before the 2016 election and is suing to dissolve that contract. Daniels has argued the agreement should be invalidated because Trump's personal lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen, signed it, but Trump did not. □



All Seasons restaurant chef Kevin Kathman, left, and owner Gayle Keller stand at the bar as they look at their empty business Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Calistoga, Calif.

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California utilities shut off power amid wildfire concerns

By **PAUL ELIAS**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Concerned about downed power lines sparking wildfires, two major California utilities took the rare step of cutting power to customers amid high winds — and another power provider was considering similar action. Pacific Gas & Electric for the first time began cutting power Sunday night to tens of thousands of customers in Northern California after the National Weather Service warned of extreme fire danger across the state due to high winds, low humidity and dry vegetation. San Diego Gas & Electric followed suit Monday, turning off power to about 360 customers in foothill areas near Cleveland National Forest, where multiple blazes have scorched large swaths of land in recent years. SDG&E has preemptively shut off power to customers in the past, most recently in December when 14,000 customers went without power — many for four days.

Pacific Gas & Electric previously announced its plan to shut off power preemptively after authorities blamed its power lines for sparking some of California's most destructive wildfires.

The utility expects to pay

billions of dollars in wildfire damages and has sought ways to limit its liability through the courts and Legislature.

PG&E said about 87,000 customers had their power halted and more could be left in the dark depending on the weather. Some 60,000 customers remained without power. Schools in those affected areas canceled classes.

PG&E said it expected to restore power Monday night to most customers — though some residents won't get electricity back until Tuesday.

"We know how much our customers rely on electric service, and we have made the decision to turn off power as a last resort given the extreme fire danger conditions these communities are experiencing," PG&E spokesman Pat Hogan said.

PG&E said it began notifying affected customers on Saturday about possible outages. However, many said Monday they had received little or no notice.

Stewart Munnerlyn was scrambling to find generators to save \$8,000 worth of ice cream at his creamery shop in Pine Grove, about 55 miles (89 kilometers) east of Sacramento. Munnerlyn said he is in Virginia visit-

ing a sick relative and received three text messages Sunday night from PG&E saying it might cut power, but he didn't know it actually happened until a friend called him.

"They knew what they were going to do obviously," Munnerlyn said. "We weren't given enough notice to properly prepare."

Kevin Kathman, executive chef of wine country restaurant All Seasons in Calistoga, said \$12,000 worth of food at the site would spoil if power isn't restored soon. Instead of tossing it, he was planning to cook over a fire during a block party for the "stressed out community" that includes winery owners in the middle of grape harvest. The power went out Sunday night and Calistoga remained without electricity Monday, even though Kathman said there was no wind.

"It's a beautiful day," he said. "We are all in disbelief that it's not back on."

PG&E spokeswoman Melissa Subottin said power was also cut to hospitals and other medical providers that are required to have backup power sources. PG&E officials visited 4,400 medical customers in the affected areas to personally warn them of the outages, she said. □



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Grizzly bear attacks hunter in mountains north of Yellowstone

By **MATT VOLZ**
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A grizzly bear attacked an elk hunter who surprised the sow and her cub north of Yellowstone National Park, with the bear sinking her teeth into his arm and clawing his eye before another hunter drove her off, the victim recounted Monday.

The mauling of Bob Legasa, 57, in the Gallatin National Forest on Saturday was at least the seventh bear attack on a human since May in the Northern Rocky Mountains.

Legasa, awaiting his second surgery on Monday, told The Associated Press in a phone interview from his hospital room in Bozeman, Montana, that he and his hunting partner were moving toward some elk when he heard a growl.

It was a 2-year-old cub and its mother about 12 yards (11 meters) away from the tree that he had just stepped away from. After the cub growled and moved aside, its mother charged, Legasa said.

"I was hoping it was going to be a bluff charge, and halfway through I realized it was going to be the real deal," he said.

The bow hunter from Hayden, Idaho, didn't have time to reach for his bear spray; he barely had time to raise his arms in front of his face.

The grizzly bit his hand, leaving puncture wounds and breaking a bone in his forearm. The sow clawed at his eye, leaving a bloody gash across the bridge of his nose.

His partner and hunting guide, Greg Gibson, discharged bear spray and the grizzly let go. Legasa pulled out his own spray, but inadvertently sprayed himself with the Mace-like mist.

Gibson discharged his spray canister again, and the wind blew the mist back into his eyes as the bears ran off.

Less than three weeks earlier, the two men made a bear spray safety video for Gibson's Montana Guide Service, Legasa said. Now, both were on the ground,

blinded by bear spray.

"I had blood in my eyes and bear spray in my eyes and I couldn't see a damn thing," Legasa said. "We were putting snow and water in our eyes, trying to get relief."

The men were eventually able to get back to their truck and drove to a hospital.

Legasa was operated on Saturday to flush out his wounds to prevent infection. On Monday, he was scheduled for another surgery to put in a plate and screw to secure his broken bone.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials said in a statement Monday that the bear's response was normal for a sow with a cub encountering a human at close range.

It was the most recent in a spate of bear encounters in Wyoming and Montana, several of which have happened during hunting season when hunters look for deer and elk in bear habitat.

Wyoming and Idaho had been set to open the first



This photo provided by Bob Legasa shows him in a hospital in Bozeman, Mont., Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, after a bear attack the day before.

Associated Press

grizzly bear hunting season in the Rockies since the 1990s, but a judge intervened last month and said the bears living around Yellowstone still deserved federal protections as a threatened species.

One attack in Wyoming last month killed hunting guide Mark Uptain of Jackson Hole. Separately, a bow hunter on Montana's Blackfoot Indian Reservation reported killing a grizzly that attacked him, and a hunting guide shot another grizzly that charged three people along Wyoming's upper Fork of the Shoshone River.

In May, a grizzly wounded a

bear researcher working in the Cabinet Mountains of northwestern Montana. A 10-year-old boy was injured in an attack in Yellowstone park in August while hiking with his family, and a hiker in the Beartooth Mountains on the Montana-Wyoming border in September.

Legasa said the experience won't put him off hunting, a hobby since he was a teenager. But, he added, he will be more cautious in the future.

"I'm always going to have my hunting partner close, and reposition where I carry my bear spray so I can grab it with both hands," he said. □

Jurors: Don't throw out \$289M weed killer cancer verdict

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jurors who found that agribusiness giant Monsanto's Roundup weed killer contributed to a school groundskeeper's cancer are urging a San Francisco judge not to throw out the bulk of their \$289 million award in his favor, a news-

paper reported Monday. Juror Gary Kitahata told Judge Suzanne Bolanos in a letter that the jury was convinced by the evidence, the San Francisco Chronicle said. "I urge you to respect and honor our verdict and the six weeks of our lives that we dedicated

to this trial," he said. Juror Robert Howard wrote to the judge that the jury had paid "studious attention" to the evidence and any decision to overturn its verdict would shake his confidence in the judicial system. Bolanos said last week she is inclined to throw out \$250

million in punitive damages in favor of DeWayne Johnson. She is also considering dramatically reducing the remaining award. Her final decision is due by Oct. 22. Johnson sprayed Roundup and a similar product, Ranger Pro, at his job as a pest control manager at

a San Francisco Bay Area school district, according to his attorneys. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2014 at age 42. His lawsuit is among hundreds alleging Roundup caused cancer, but it was the first one to go to trial. □

France: 12 die in floods unseen in more than a century

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Flash floods that tore through several towns in southwest France following an overnight storm killed at least 12 people, authorities said Monday. Some residents had to be helicoptered from rooftops as the equivalent of several months of rain poured down in a few hours and turned waterways into raging torrents.

Initially, the French Interior Ministry reported 13 deaths from the floods in the Aude region. French officials lowered the number to 10 later, saying some victims had been counted twice. The Interior Ministry and Aude officials put it at 12 after two more bodies were recovered in the towns of Trebes and Carcassonne. At least six of the deaths happened in Trebes, Mayor Eric Menassi said. Eight people were injured throughout the affected region and one person was missing as of late Monday. The River Aude that flows through towns such as Carcassonne and Trebes was among the waterways that



People try to pull a car out of a torrent after flash floods in the town of Villegailhenc, southern France, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

overflowed from the exceptional rainfall, and the flooding was the region's worst in more than a century, the French agency that monitors flood risks said. In the town of Villegailhenc, resident Ines Siguet said floodwaters rose so quickly after the rains swept in from the Mediterranean that residents fled to rooftops.

Siguet, 17, posted video of a ripped-up road where a bridge used to stand. "There's nothing left. There's just a hole," the teenager, whose school was closed amid the destruction, told The Associated Press. "It was very violent." Residents described violent walls of water that crashed through doors and

quickly inundated homes. A Villegailhenc resident described for French news channel BFMTV how little time there was to escape. "It was raining, raining, raining and my wife says to me, 'We can hear water, switch on the light.' So I switch on the light and nothing, it's pitch black. So, what do I do? I get up and my feet

are in water. I go to the kitchen, I open the door. Impossible. I am trying hard and then the water rose up to my belly," the resident, who was identified only as Jean-Marc, told the broadcaster. "We took what we could and went to the attic. So I had to take the ladder that was behind the house and had water up to my torso. I was terribly afraid."

Some of the dead appeared to have been swept away by floodwaters, Aude prefect Alain Thirion said. In the town of Conques-sur-Orbiel, the river rose by more than six meters (20 feet), and floodwaters were in some cases too powerful for emergency services to get through, even on boats, he said.

Vigicrues, the French agency that monitors rivers for flood risks, said water levels in the Aude region were higher than at any time since 1891.

Television images showed water coursing through towns and villages, stranding cars and piling them on top of each other like children's toys. □

Associated Press

Germany deports convicted 9/11 accomplice home to Morocco

By DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A Moroccan man convicted of helping Mohamed Atta and the other Hamburg-based Sept. 11 suicide pilots as they plotted attacks on New York and Washington was deported Monday from Germany to his homeland.

German authorities confirmed that Mounir el Motassadeq was aboard a plane that had taken off from Frankfurt airport in the evening.

El Motassadeq was convicted of membership in a terrorist organization and accessory to the murder of the 246 passengers and crew on the four jetliners used in the 9/11 attacks in 2001.

"It's a good feeling to know that Mr. Motassadeq is out of the country," Hamburg's



In this Jan. 8, 2007 file picture Moroccan Mounir El Motassadeq waits prior his trial at a court in Hamburg, northern Germany. The Moroccan man has been sentenced to a 15-year prison sentence in Germany for helping three of the suicide pilots in the 9/11 attacks on the U.S.

Associated Press

Interior Minister Andy Grote told The Associated Press. Earlier in the day, he had been taken from a Hamburg prison to Frankfurt airport.

El Motassadeq was re-

leased shortly before completing his 15-year-sentence on the condition that he agreed to be deported to Morocco. That would allow Germany to re-arrest him if he ever returned.

It wasn't immediately clear what awaited him in Morocco.

El Motassadeq was convicted of being part of the so-called Hamburg cell, including Atta and fellow Sept. 11 pilots Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah.

German courts ruled that el Motassadeq was aware the three planned to hijack and crash planes, even though he might not have known specifics of the plot. They said el Motassadeq helped "watch the attackers' backs and conceal them" by helping them keep up the appearance of being university students paying tuition and rent and transferring money.

El Motassadeq acknowledged training at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan but insisted he knew nothing of his friends' plans to attack the U.S.

"I swear by God that I did know the attackers were in America," he shouted in accented German at a sentencing hearing. "I swear by God that I did not know what they wanted to do."

Originally arrested in Hamburg in November 2001, el Motassadeq was convicted in 2003 of membership in a terrorist organization and thousands of counts of accessory to murder — taking into account victims on the ground — becoming the first person convicted anywhere on charges related to Sept. 11. He was sentenced to the maximum 15 years in prison.

However, a federal court overturned that verdict in 2004, largely because of a lack of evidence from al-Qaida suspects in U.S. custody, and sent the case back to Hamburg. □

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Syria reopens vital crossing with Jordan, UN post with Golan

By **ALBERT AJI**
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Associated Press

QUNEITRA, Syria (AP) —

President Bashar Assad's government received a major boost Monday as Syria's commercial gateway with Jordan and a crossing with the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights manned by U.N peacekeepers were re-opened years after the war disrupted their operations. The simultaneous reopening of the crossings was celebrated on state media with back-to-back coverage, reinforcing the government's narrative that it is slowly emerging victorious from the seven-year war.

"We are now witnessing the early fruits of victory," Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said at a press conference in Damascus. Sitting next to his Iraqi counterpart, who was visiting on Monday, al-Moallem said the two countries are discussing reopening a border crossing.

"No one should isolate Syria," Ibrahim al-Jaafari, Iraq's foreign minister, said, adding that he was advocating for Syria's return to the Arab League.

Assad's government has been largely isolated by its Arab neighbors since the civil war broke out in 2011. The 22-member Arab



Jordanian cars prepare to cross into Syria, at the Jordanian-Syrian border Jaber crossing point, in Mafraq, Jordan, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

League froze Syria's membership shortly after the war began, imposing sanctions the cutting diplomatic ties. Commercial delegations converged on the Naseeb crossing with Jordan on Monday, and members of the Syrian chamber of commerce went into Jordan to meet with their counterparts. The first truck carrying citrus fruits entered Jordan, and dozens of private cars drove into Syria. "We are brothers. Our

economy is connected to the Syrian economy," said Abdel-Salam Theyabat, the head of a Jordanian chamber of commerce. At the Quneitra border crossing, leaders of the Druze community, which straddles the frontier, were first on the scene to attend the flag-raising ceremony. A plaque announcing the reactivation of the crossing was signed off with "Mercy to the martyrs and to Syria victory and peace."

The Druze community was divided when Israel occupied the Golan Heights in 1967. U.N. observers had monitored the frontier since the 1974 cease-fire deal, but left their posts in 2014 as fighting between Syrian rebels and government forces approached. Syrian forces recaptured the Quneitra area in July. Russian military police deployed in the area, including on the edge of the Israeli-occupied Golan

Heights, setting up checkpoints in the area. Moscow said it planned to work closely with the U.N. force. On Monday, Russian officers were on the scene. The opening of the crossing is a "signal of the return of stability to Syria and the failure of the efforts to divide the country," said Syrian army Brig. Mazen Younes. The commercial crossing with Jordan promises to restore millions of dollars' worth of trade. Syrian vegetables and fruits will find their way to the Gulf, Turkey and Arab markets more easily, and construction and raw materials will find a faster route into Syrian cities and towns devastated by the war.

Once one of Syria's busiest, the Naseeb crossing was closed in 2015 when it fell to rebel hands, disrupting a major trade route between Syria and Jordan, Lebanon and oil-rich Gulf countries. Before the war, an average of 7,000 trucks went through daily, according to some estimates. Lebanon's President Michel Aoun has praised the agreement between Jordan and Syria to open a main border crossing between the two countries, saying it will benefit the country whose imports to the Gulf had been hit by the closure. □

Associated Press

Climbers who died in Nepal storm included famed South Korean

By **BINAJ GURUBACHARYA**
Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) —

The nine climbers who died during the worst disaster on a Nepal mountain in recent years included the first South Korean to summit all 14 Himalayan peaks over 8,000 meters without using supplemental oxygen.

An official from the South Korea's Korean Alpine Club said the bodies of Kim Chang-ho and four other South Koreans who were killed will arrive in South Korea on Wednesday. Four Nepalese guides also were killed when a storm swept the climbers' base camp on Gurja Himal mountain Friday. Rescuers had retrieved the climbers' bodies on Sunday after weather cleared. The body of one of the guides was taken to his village, while the eight others were flown to Kathmandu.

"It was the worst mountaineering disaster in Nepal in recent years and an unimaginable one," said Rameshwor Niraula of Nepal's Mountaineering Department, which issues climbing permits and monitors expeditions. Niraula said officials were still gathering details of what exactly happened



Officials unload the bodies after a helicopter carrying bodies of those killed in Gurja Himal mountain arrives at the Teaching hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018.

but from what rescuers described, the climbers were blown over by the blast of the blizzard-like wind conditions. One Korean member of the climbing team had become ill and was in a village far below the base camp during the storm.

The CAC official, who didn't want to be named because she wasn't authorized to speak to reporters, identified the other South Korean victims as Yu

Yeong-jik, Im Il-jin, Jeong Jun-mo and Lee Jae-hoon. Yu was reportedly in charge of equipment for Kim's climbing team. Im was a filmmaker who specialized in documentaries of mountain climbers. Yonhap news agency said senior CAC member Jeong wasn't part of Kim's team but was visiting them when the accident happened. It was the deadliest climbing disaster in Nepal since

2015 when 19 people were killed at Mount Everest base camp by an avalanche triggered by an earthquake that devastated the country. The previous year, an avalanche above Everest's base camp killed 16 Nepalese Sherpa guides. The Himalayan range includes all 14 of the world's peaks that rise above 8,000 meters, and only a few dozen climbers have made verified, successful ascents

of them all. Kim achieved his feat in 2013.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, an amateur hiking enthusiast who visited Nepal in 2016, expressed his condolences, saying the victims displayed a "great spirit that's about respecting nature while simultaneously trying to overcome it."

"A snow storm has taken the nine climbers into the mountains forever, but their bravery and fighting spirit to break out a new route can never be buried," Moon wrote on Facebook on Sunday while on a visit to France.

Santa Lama of the Nepal Mountaineering Association, who helped with coordinating the rescue, said since all nine people at the camp were killed and no surviving witnesses it was difficult to say what exactly happened or when.

The climbers were also attempting to scale a 7,193-meter (23,590-foot) peak which is not among the highest, the most difficult or popular mountain to climb in Nepal.

Grieving family members gathered at the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital in Nepal's capital where the bodies were to be autopsied before being handed to their families.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry told reporters strong winds during the storm blew the victims from their base camp off a steep cliff. Word of the destruction got out Saturday morning, and helicopters were sent. They were not able to land due to the continuing bad weather but spotted the bodies, which were retrieved Sunday.

They were issued permit to climb the peak during the autumn climbing season. Spring and autumn are the optimal climbing seasons in Nepal in between the harsh winter and summer monsoon.

The CAC official said a Korean Air flight carrying the bodies of the climbers will arrive at South Korea's Incheon International Airport early Wednesday. □

'Dark days' over: Gambia launches truth, reconciliation body



In this Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 file photo, Gambia's President Yahya Jammeh shows his inked finger before voting in Banjul, Gambia.

By **ABDOULIE JOHN**
Associated Press

BANJUL, Gambia (AP) —

Gambia on Monday launched a truth, reconciliation and reparations commission to lay bare abuses committed under the 22-

year rule of former leader Yahya Jammeh, with President Adama Barrow declaring the country's "dark days" are over.

The long-awaited commission is meant to help heal the tiny West African nation

after years of extrajudicial killings, torture and abuses in phony "HIV treatment" centers.

It also is expected to lay the groundwork for possible prosecution of Jammeh, who flew into exile in Equatorial Guinea in early 2017, and others. The new government under Barrow, who handed Jammeh a surprise election defeat at the head of an opposition coalition, has vowed to deliver justice to victims.

Speaking to a crowd that came to witness what many have called a historic moment, Barrow called on Gambians to stand together and say never again would a few people subject the country to oppression.

The president stressed the

government's commitment to put victims at the center of the process: "It is for this reason that we included reparations."

The Gambian-born prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, said the commission will help the country write a new chapter and that in order to move forward "it must reckon with its past."

It is not an exercise in settling political scores, she said. The 11-member commission will investigate human rights abuses committed between July 1994 and January 2017. It has the power to subpoena alleged perpetrators.

Already, the new freedoms in Gambia have inspired growing demands for justice. □



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Koreas agree to break ground on inter-Korean railroad

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North and South Korea continued their push for peace Monday with high-level talks that resulted in a host of agreements, including a plan by the rivals for a groundbreaking ceremony this year on an ambitious project to connect their railways and roads.

The agreements come amid unease in Washington over the speed of inter-Korean engagement. Many outsiders believe that U.S.-led efforts to rid North Korea of its nuclear-tipped missiles are lagging significantly behind the Koreans' efforts to move past decades of bitter rivalry.

There was also controversy over a decision by South Korea's Unification Ministry to block a North Korean defector-turned-reporter from covering the talks at the border village of Panmunjom over concerns of angering North Korea. This drew a fierce reaction from other journalists, who accused the ministry of infringing media freedoms and discriminating against North Korea-born citizens.

A series of weapons tests by North Korea last year, and an exchange of insults and threats between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, had many on the Korean Peninsula fearing war. But there has since been a surprising peace initiative, with three inter-Korean summits and a June meeting in Singapore between Trump and Kim. The U.S. and North Korea are working on plans for a second such summit.

Still, there is widespread skepticism that North Korea will disarm. And, despite the fanfare for the proposed



South Korean Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon, right, shakes hands with his North Korean counterpart Ri Son Gwon before their meeting at the southern side of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone, South Korea, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

railway and road projects, the Koreans cannot move much further along without the lifting of international sanctions against North Korea, which isn't likely to come before it takes firmer steps toward relinquishing its nuclear weapons and missiles.

South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles affairs with the North, said in a statement that the government will share details from Monday's meeting with the United States and other nations and will closely coordinate with them to avoid any friction over sanctions. The ministry said the rivals agreed Monday to hold general-level military talks soon to discuss reducing border tensions and setting up a joint military committee that's meant to maintain communication and avoid crises and accidental clashes.

The Koreans also agreed to

use their newly opened liaison office in the North Korean border town of Kaesong to host talks between sports officials in late October to discuss plans to send combined teams to the 2020 Summer Olympics and to make a push to co-host the 2032 Summer Games.

And the two countries will hold Red Cross talks at North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort in November to set up video-conference meetings between aging relatives separated by the 1950-53 Korean War and potentially expand face-to-face reunions between them.

Monday's talks were aimed at finding ways to carry out peace agreements announced after a summit last month between South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Kim in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

South Korean Unification

Minister Cho Myoung-gyon said it was meaningful that the Koreans are getting faster in reaching agreements as their diplomacy gains traction. His North Korean counterpart, Ri Son Gwon, who heads an agency dealing with inter-Korean affairs, said "no group and no force will be able to prevent the path toward peace, prosperity and our nation's unification."

At the most recent summit between Moon and Kim, the two leaders committed to reviving economic cooperation when possible, voicing optimism that international sanctions could end and allow such activity.

They also announced measures to reduce conventional military threats, such as creating buffer zones along their land and sea boundaries and a no-fly zone above the border, removing 11 front-line guard

posts by December, and demining sections of the Demilitarized Zone.

Moon has described inter-Korean engagement as crucial to resolving the nuclear standoff and is eager to restart joint economic projects held back by sanctions if the larger nuclear negotiations between the United States and North Korea begin yielding results.

However, South Korea's enthusiasm for engagement with its rival appears to have created discomfort with the United States, a key ally.

Moon's government last week walked back a proposal to lift some of its unilateral sanctions against North Korea following Trump's blunt retort that Seoul could "do nothing" without Washington's approval.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha also said U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo expressed displeasure about the Koreans' military agreements. Kang was not specific, but her comments fueled speculation that Washington wasn't fully on board before Seoul signed the agreements.

Trump has encouraged U.S. allies to maintain sanctions on North Korea until it denuclearizes to maintain a campaign of pressure against Kim's government. There also was criticism in South Korea on Monday of efforts by Moon's government to keep North Korea happy.

Unification Minister Cho said his call to exclude North Korea-born Kim Myeong-sung from a pool of reporters covering the meeting was an "inevitable policy decision" to improve the chance for successful talks. □

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Honduran migrant caravan crosses Guatemala border, US-bound

By **SONIA PEREZ D.**
Associated Press
OCOTOPEQUE, Honduras

(AP) — A caravan of hundreds of Honduran migrants crossed the Guatemalan border under a broiling sun Monday hoping to make it to new lives in the United States, far from the poverty and violence of their home nation.

Singing the Honduran national anthem, praying and chanting, "Yes, we can," the group estimated at 1,600 or more defied an order by the Guatemalan government that they not be allowed to pass.

"We have rights," the migrants shouted.

Keilin Umana, a 21-year-old who is two months pregnant, said she was moved to migrate to save herself and her unborn child after she was threatened with death.

"A letter arrived at my house saying I could not stay, that I had to leave, or else they were going to kill me," said Umana, who is a nurse.

"I was in hiding awhile," she added. "It's because I have this tattoo on my hand — it's not a gang thing. Look, it's the name of my father and mother."

Umana said she had been walking for four days. "We are not criminals — we are migrants," she said.

Many in the caravan traveled light, with just backpacks and bottles of water. Some pushed toddlers in strollers or carried them on their shoulders.

Carlos Cortez, a 32-year-old farmer traveling on foot



Hondurans march in a caravan of migrants moving toward the country's border with Guatemala in a desperate attempt to flee poverty and seek new lives in the United States, in Ocotepeque, Honduras, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

with his 7-year-old son, said the poverty back home has made it impossible to support a family.

"Every day I earn about \$5," Cortez said. "That isn't enough to feed my family." The caravan was met at the border by about 100 Guatemalan police officers. After a tense stand-off of about two hours, the migrants began walking again. Outnumbered, the police did nothing to stop them but merely accompanied them several miles (kilometers) into Guatemalan territory.

Officers later set up a roadblock about a mile (2 kilometers) outside the city of Esquipulas, where the migrants had planned to spend the night.

Some police and Guatemalan civilians offered the

migrants water, and some locals drove Hondurans part of the way. Red Cross workers gave medical attention to some migrants who fainted in the heat.

The caravan began as about 160 people who first gathered early Friday to depart from San Pedro Sula, one of Honduras' most dangerous places, figuring that traveling as a group would make them less vulnerable to robbery, assault and other dangers common on the migratory path through Central America and Mexico.

Local media coverage prompted hundreds more to join, and Dunia Montoya, a volunteer assisting the migrants, estimated Sunday that the group had grown to at least 1,600 people. Police gave their own es-

timate of around 2,000 on Monday.

The caravan formed a day after U.S. Vice President Mike Pence urged the presidents of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala to persuade their citizens to stay home and not put their families in danger by undertaking the risky journey to the United States.

In April, President Donald Trump threatened in April to withdraw foreign aid from Honduras and countries that allowed transit for a similar caravan that set out from the Central American country. That caravan dwindled as the group approached the U.S. border, with some giving up along the way and others splitting off to try to cross on their own.

Historian Dana Frank, an

expert on human rights and U.S. policy in Honduras, said the caravan could have political implications in the United States less than a month before the midterm elections.

"Whatever the caravan's origins, some in the United States will be quick to raise alarms about a supposed dangerous immigrant invasion, and use that to try to influence the upcoming U.S. elections," Frank said. "Others will view these migrants with compassion and as further evidence of the need for comprehensive immigration reform, a loving approach to those in such terrible straits and an end to U.S. support for the repressive Honduran government that is behind this humanitarian disaster."

Frank added that the caravan's rapid growth "underscores quite how desperate the Honduran people are — that they'd begin walking toward refuge in the United States with only a day back full of belongings."

Honduras is largely dominated by murderous gangs that prey on families and businesses, and routinely sees homicide rates that are among the highest in the world.

Mexico's Interior Ministry issued a reminder over the weekend that Mexico does not issue entry visas for those who don't meet "the requirements to transit toward a neighboring country." Also, Mexico said it issues visas at its consulates abroad, not at border entry points. □

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Arubaanse Kunstkring presents "La Cuadra Venezolana" in Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Arubaanse Kunstkring proudly presents "La Cuadra Venezolana" at Cas Di Cultura on Sunday, October 21st, 2018. During their performance they will highlight the richness of the music of their country Venezuela.

La Cuadra Venezolana first presented in Aruba back in November 2009 under the auspices of Kunstkring. They are well known for their interpretations of the most remarkable composers from Venezuela and throughout Latin America.

Clyde harms, president of Aruba Scholarship Foundation and a close friend of these 4 musicians, decided to give them a chance to perform in benefit of the foundation. Therefore, La Cuadra Venezolana returned in November 2010 and held a concert at the Renaissance Theatre, which was completely sold-out and collected a large sum for the foundation.

La Cuadra Venezolana is a quartet of extraordinary musicians. Nicaulis Alliey, who plays the flute and

the piccolo, performed at 2 programs of the Piano Festival of Armand Simon. Jose Angel Escalona, married to Nicaulis, plays the fiddle and the mandolin. They have been living in Chicago since the graduation of Nicaulis from the University of Nebraska.

Juver Ulacio is a guitar teacher. He currently lives in Bogota, Colombia. Miguel Antonio Gonzales is a bass player and composer, well known in Venezuela and is residing in Minnesota. The four musicians have been



playing together for ten years now.

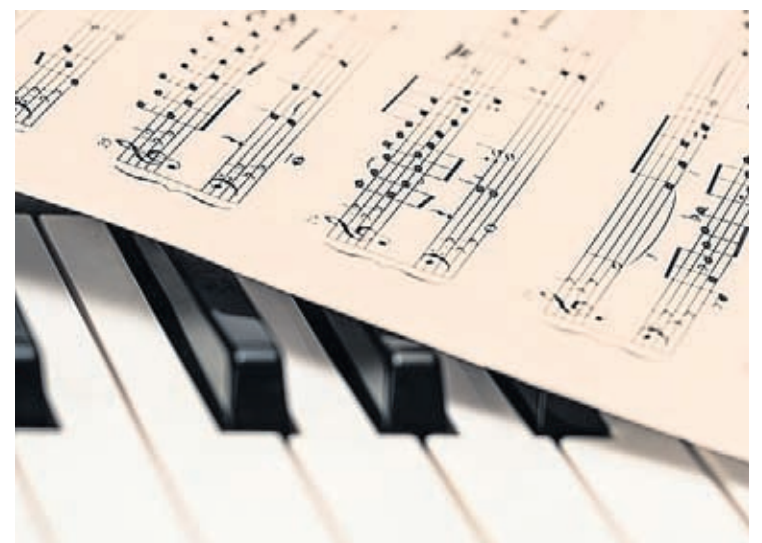
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ria. Individual plays are inspirational compositions of the famous Simon Diaz such as Flor de Mayo, Sabana, Pasaje del Olvido, Lionell Velasco (Juliana) and others.

The event will take place on Sunday, October 21st, 2018 starting at 11 AM at Cas di Cultura.

For more information, contact Clyde Harms at clyde-harms@yahoo.com. □



81 Individuals under go Naturalization process to receive their Dutch citizenship



ORANJESTAD — Naturalization is the legal act or process by which a non-citizen in a country may acquire citizenship or nationality of that country. It is done by a statute, involving an application and approval by legal authorities.

The rules of naturalization vary from country to country and typically include a minimum legal residency requirement, and may specify other requirements such as knowledge of the national dominant language or culture, a promise to obey and uphold that country's laws. An oath or pledge of allegiance is also sometimes required. Aruba, Curaçao, Sint

Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are part of the Dutch Kingdom. In order to obtain a Dutch citizenship a person must comply with several requirements. The most important requirements are that a person must have lived uninterruptedly in the Kingdom of the Netherlands for at least 5 years with a valid residence permit. The person can read, write, speak and understand Dutch, and has never been sentenced for any criminal act. Last Wednesday, October 10th 2018 took place a naturalization ceremony at the Governors Ceremony House. On that night 81 individuals, after taken the oath or promise in front of

the Governor of Aruba Alfonso Boekhoudt obtained their Dutch citizenship. It was the third naturalization this year, with a diverse group ranging in ages from 18 to 73 years and coming from 10 different countries. The ceremony was enlivened by guitarist Jersey Sophia.

A special feature of this naturalization ceremony was the presence of an interpreter who converted the spoken words into sign language for those living with a hearing impairment. The interpreter came from the Fundacion pa Esnan cu Deficiencia Auditivo Aruba (FEDAA). This foundation aims to provide the best possible support for any hearing-impaired infant, child, adolescent and adult so they can function optimally in the local society.

More information on obtaining the Dutch nationality can be found on the central government website <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/nederlandse-nationaliteit/>



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Camino Walks Aruba



ORANJESTAD — For the ones that like to practice for their future Camino to Santiago or just love walking long distances with others, there are 4 Camino Walks scheduled early Saturday mornings.

Gea Sougé is a Martha Beck Certified Life Coach, Nature-based Coach and Nature lover, Connector, Mom, Enthusiast and Teacher. Her passion is helping you connect with

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In 2015 she walked the Camino Frances to Santiago de Compostela in 40 days and averagely 22 km's per day. In 2017 she walked via the Camino Norte and Camino Primitivo to Santiago de Compostela. She just returned from Spain where she walked from Leon to Santiago in 13 days. She loves to share some of her best practices on the Camino whilst walking.



What to expect?

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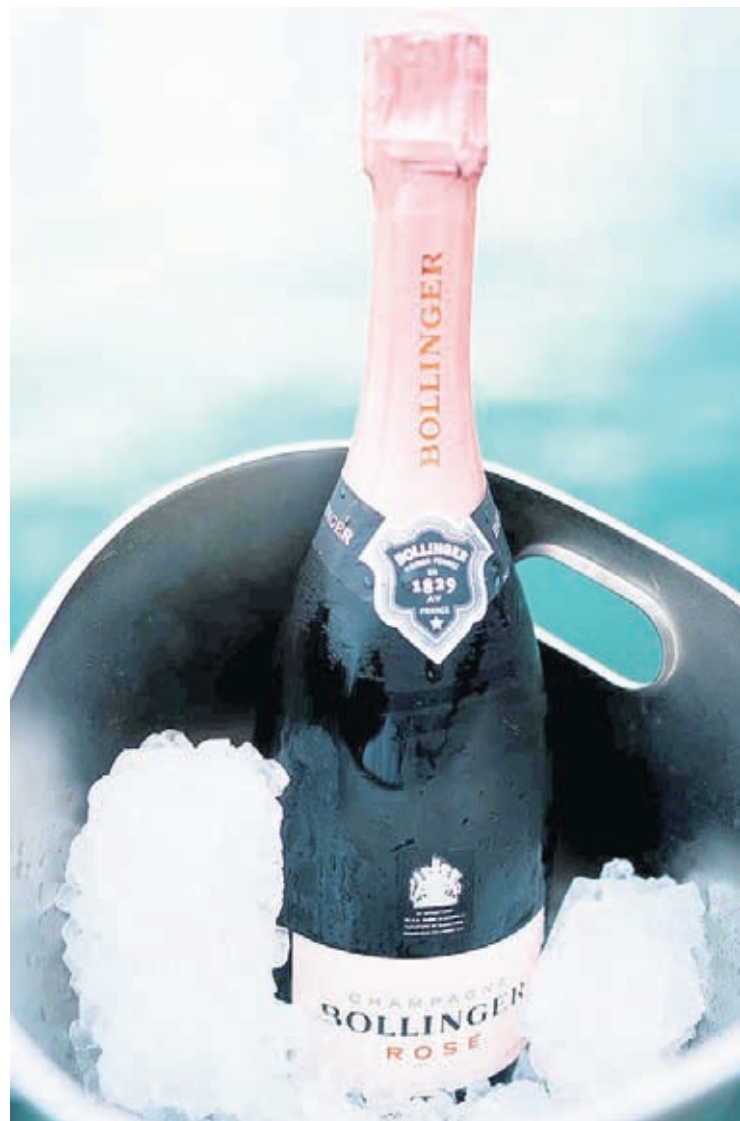
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Rosé all day on renaissance island promises to set a new trend



ORANJESTAD – Renaissance Aruba started with their preparations for Rosé All Day, which this year will take place on Iguana Beach, Renaissance Island. The first edition took place in Wilhelmina Park where it was converted into this enchanted forest with a lovely 'pinknic' setup that resulted into a successful event. This year, The Renaissance is raising the bar (and their wine glasses) because they are taking you to Renaissance Island. The perfect combination of your toes in the sand and a Rosé in one hand, experiencing the best sunset location in Aruba while dancing till late in the evening.

Arion Wine Company; the wine house of Aruba has decided to partner up once again with the Renaissance Aruba for the second edition of Rosé All Day. According to their Director, Govert van der Hout, this year the wine selection is based on the event name and has been personally selected by

Govert "Expect only pink wines". Govert explained that guests will receive a goodie bag at the event with a personal reusable cup and ice bag. The key words here are 'personal' and 'reusable'. You lose them and you'll find yourself drinking warm wine out of a bottle...please don't!



Guests can take the reusable cup and ice bag home and use them over and over again. As for the wine selection, you can expect quality wines from renowned wine houses from different top wine producing regions. For the moscato drinkers you have Relax Pink. Once again this year the top rosé of the world, the wine that identifies Rosé All Day; Whispering Angel. We are thrilled to officially launch The Palm by Whispering Angel during Rosé All Day, the first ever vintage of Whispering Angle's fun baby sister with a distinct Caribbean feel to it, as last we have the pres-

tigious and elegant Bollinger Rosé Champagne. Renaissance Aruba will be in charge by providing exquisite bites to pair perfectly with your rosé of choice. The executive chef, Sebastian Cechet stated that the variety of food was selected with everyone in mind "We worked together with the Team to come up with a menu for all tastes and ages. We will feature items as Peruvian style Ceviche, pink sushi rolls, Rose Scented Gelato, Dry aged Angus Sliders, cheese and charcuterie and many more". According to Chef Sebastian the selected food items are just a small

taste of what the Renaissance Aruba has to offer. A selection of 5 food stations including a tempting dessert station with Italian Gelato will showcase some of Renaissance best restaurant outlets like L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, Aquarius, Fresco and Papagayo.

Rosé All Day promises to be the biggest rosé event of the year. A unique opportunity to experience this with friends and family at a perfect location, with an extensive food menu, a wine selection like no other and with a stage floating in the water with amazing light effects. Tickets are available for just \$40 which includes your boat trip to the private island, entrance to the party, personal goodie bag and \$10 wine credit to spend on the rosé of your choice. Additional tokens available to purchase food items. Saturday, October 20th, starting at 5PM with live musical entertainment by Joyride Band, Dj Joa, Reinier and Dj Yeimy.

Tickets are available at the Navigators in the lobby area of Renaissance Marina Hotel as well as at Renaissance Ocean Suites, at De Palm Tours Desks in the high-rise hotel area and at Arion Wine Company. For more information, please call 5236115 or visit Renaissance Aruba's Facebook page. □

SPORTS



Boston Red Sox's Jackie Bradley Jr. celebrates after his three RBI-double against the Houston Astros during the third inning in Game 2 of a baseball American League Championship Series on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, in Boston.

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Price, Red Sox bounce back, beat Astros 7-5, tie ALCS 1-1

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — David Price went home a winner in a postseason start for the first time in his career. That, he insisted, is all he ever cared about.

"This is bigger than David Price," he said on Sunday night. "This isn't about me. This is about the Boston Red Sox."

Price was good enough, the Red Sox relievers were even better, and Jackie Bradley Jr. delivered a go-ahead, three-run double off the Green Monster to lead Boston to a 7-5 victory over the Houston Astros and tie the AL Championship Series at one game apiece.

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TIPOFF



Warriors seek rare NBA three-peat as season begins

In this Oct. 10, 2018, file photo, Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry shoots next to Los Angeles Lakers center JaVale McGee during the second half of an NBA preseason basketball game, in Las Vegas. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver will be at Oracle Arena on Tuesday night, handing the Golden State Warriors what will be their third set of championship rings from the last four seasons. A banner will be displayed. Highlights will be shown. And then the Warriors will have to start all over again.

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Busch loss raises questions about NASCAR officiating

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer
TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) —

Kurt Busch is not the most sympathetic figure. When he loses a race he was one turn away from winning because he ran out of gas, few likely felt sorry for him. Then came his post-race assessment in which he criticized NASCAR for blowing two calls that led to him being short on fuel. Because the complaints came from Busch, a polarizing driver with past bad behavior, he didn't get the condolences he felt he deserved.

There are conspiracy theorists who believe NASCAR officiated the end of Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway in a way that put Busch in position to lose. Of course, the scoring tower could not guarantee that Busch would run out of fuel while leading through the final turn in overtime, but his criticism deserves a look. Busch led a race-high 108 laps as the strongest car in the Stewart-Haas Racing lineup. He led his three other teammates all day as the SHR group had the field covered. The four SHR Fords had a healthy lead on the competition when Alex Bowman brought out the caution that sent the race into overtime.

The SHR cars were already conserving fuel, and those additional laps drained



Kurt Busch's crew changes tires during a pit stop in the 1000Bulbs.com 500 NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, in Talladega, Ala.

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their gas tanks to nearly bone dry. Why? Well, NASCAR didn't red-flag the race after Bowman's crash and instead ran five laps under the yellow flag. That's 13.3 extra miles around Talladega with fuel lights flickering.

Just one fewer lap under caution and Busch doesn't run out of gas — and likely wins the race. Instead, he led the field to green in overtime — an additional two more laps around the 2.66-mile track — as teammate Kevin Harvick forfeited the gamble and ducked to pit road for gas. Like many, Busch wondered why so many cau-

tion laps and why the race wasn't stopped for a cleanup. Then came another accident, while he was still leading in overtime, and NASCAR did not call a caution. Had the yellow been called on that final lap, Busch probably would have won the race.

Instead, he was still hard on the gas for the final 2 miles and his tank finally went dry with the checkered flag in sight. SHR teammate Aric Almirola slid past Busch's sputtering car for the win. "There was two missed calls by NASCAR at the end," Busch said. "Why did we have an extra yellow flag lap is beyond me — the

track was ready to go."

Busch also blasted the decision not to call a caution for the final accident.

"There was two cars dead in the water," Busch said of NASCAR's need to call a caution and send a medical crew to the disabled vehicles.

Busch left Talladega with a 14th-place finish. A victory would have put him into the third round of the playoffs, but that berth instead went to Almirola.

NASCAR, meanwhile, waited until Monday to address Busch's criticism and Steve O'Donnell was adamant the sanctioning body was correct in its officiating. The

head of NASCAR competition said the race was nothing at all like the Truck Series event a day earlier, when that event ended under caution because of a late accident.

"Two different races and every race is different," O'Donnell said during his weekly appearance on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. "Every call is a judgment call. The (incident) on Saturday was in front of the field ... we always want to try to end under green, but in that case we just felt like we couldn't. Then on Sunday, very similar in terms of a car hitting the wall, but where it happened was different and in terms of where the field was."

In other words, because the accident Sunday was behind the leaders, NASCAR preferred to let the drivers race to the finish under green. But that's a judgment call and one that cost Busch, an unpopular driver with NASCAR brass, an important victory.

While every race is different, officiating should be as close to black and white as possible and NASCAR should never open itself to the idea it intentionally tried to prevent a driver from winning. And once the implication was made, it should not have taken a day for NASCAR to address it. □

Simona Halep earns 2nd straight year-end No. 1 ranking



In this Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018 file photo, Simona Halep, of Romania, returns to Kiki Bertens, of the Netherlands, during the finals at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament in Mason, Ohio.

Associated Press

By CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Simona Halep is back as the year-end No. 1 for the second year in a row, despite a back injury that doctors say could lead to a long-term problem.

Halep, who won her first major title at this year's French Open, clinched the year-end top tennis ranking on Monday but may be forced to pull out of the upcoming Kremlin Cup and the season-ending WTA Finals because of a herniated disk.

"I haven't practiced 100 percent yet but today, to-

morrow, I will do close to 100," Halep said in a conference call, "and I will be able to know better the next day."

"The doctor told me it's nothing about the surgery, but if I will keep playing there is a risk of long-term injury. I don't need that and I don't want that, so I have to make good decisions in the next days."

The 27-year-old Halep had her best year on tour in 2018, reaching the Australian Open final and then winning her first Grand Slam title a few months later at Roland Garros. But she announced at the start

of this month that she had an MRI exam after retiring from her first-round match at the China Open and the herniated disk problem was found.

The Kremlin Cup runs this week and the WTA Finals, which is for the top eight players in the world, begin in Singapore on Oct. 21.

"I hope first to be able to play here (in Moscow) because ... I have already 3-4 days getting ready for this tournament," Halep said. "But if I will not be able to play here, I'm very doubtful that I will be able to play in Singapore because it's very fast." □

AP Interview: Rosberg expects F1 merger with electric series

By **ROB HARRIS**
AP Sports Writer

Highlighting fresh concerns about global warming, Nico Rosberg foresees an eventual merger between the fuel-guzzling Formula One championship and the more environmentally friendly, electric motorsport series.

The German driver retired from F1 after winning his only title in 2016, and he has since invested in the four-year-old Formula E championship, which he said is now worth 750 million euros (\$870 million).

While F1 remains more attractive to sponsors and fans, the upstart series is showing increasing commercial appeal. Heineken, which already sponsors F1, was announced on Monday as the official beer and cider backer of the electric street racing championship under a five-year deal.

That unified approach to

marketing across both series points to a future where they join forces.

"Maybe we will never even get to that point (where Formula E is bigger than F1) and we will just see a merger between Formula One and Formula E before that," Rosberg said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Monday. "When the moment comes that Formula One needs to go electric, which will happen, maybe you will just see a merger then." They already share ownership through American entertainment and broadcasting magnate John Malone's companies. Liberty Global was already the biggest shareholder in Formula E when Liberty Media bought F1 in 2017.

"The step for Formula One to go electric will be a big and difficult one," Rosberg said. "If that ever happens."



In this Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017 file photo, former Formula One world champion Nico Rosberg gestures as he visits the paddock at the Yas Marina racetrack in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Associated Press

It might become inevitable, with a fast-warming planet to be protected, and sports conscious of its role. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued a gloomy report last week which said the difference between life and death for multitudes of people around the world could be whether world leaders

find a way to reduce future warming caused by humans by less than a single degree Fahrenheit.

"It's a real problem out there in the world and we need to do what we can as fast as possible to help all together," Rosberg said. "If the whole world is selling and driving electric cars," he added, "it doesn't make

sense for Formula One to be combustion engines, so that moment will come. The advantage is that Formula One and Formula E have the same owner."

Although the cars are quieter compared to the ear-splitting, fuel-guzzling engines in F1, the new Gen 2 models which run faster and longer have been introduced. Nissan and BMW will be debuting on the grid when the fifth Formula E championship begins in Saudi Arabia in December. There has also been a high-profile signing for the series: Former F1 driver Felipe Massa racing for Venturi, the Monaco-based team co-owned by actor Leonardo Di Caprio. Stoffel Vandoorne announced on Monday he is also making the switch from F1, joining the Mercedes-linked HWA Racelab Formula E team after leaving McLaren at the end of this season. □

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NBA Preview: It's the Warriors, and then everyone else

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver will be at Oracle Arena on Tuesday night, handing the Golden State Warriors what will be their third set of championship rings from the last four seasons. A banner will be displayed. Highlights will be shown. And then the Warriors will have to start all over again. The NBA's 73rd season starts Tuesday night, beginning a year where LeBron James will play for the Los Angeles Lakers, where Carmelo Anthony will aim to push the Houston Rockets over the top, where Dwyane Wade will take his 16th and final lap around the league. A new arena is opening in Milwaukee, eight teams will have new coaches, and everyone will be looking to see if the Warriors can win a third straight title. "None of us are ready for this run to come to an end," said Golden State's Draymond Green, part of all three Warriors' titles in this four-year run of dominance. "So we've got to continue to approach it like we've got zero. And that's cliché and impossible to do, but you want to try to get as close to that as you



In this Sept. 30, 2018, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James (23) grabs a rebound over Denver Nuggets forward Paul Millsap (4) during the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game in San Diego.

possibly can. And that's my mindset always entering the season." They will be the overwhelming favorites, with good reason. The Warriors still have Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Klay Thompson and Green, plus added All-Star big man DeMarcus Cousins — coming off an injury — on a bargain \$5.3 million deal. And calling all the shots is coach Steve Kerr, who won five rings as a player and now three more as a

coach. "If they don't win, it's a failure," Memphis guard Mike Conley Jr. said. "I know that's how they feel as well. For us, for the other 29 teams, we're the underdog. We're trying to take what they have. It's a lot easier playing from the underdog perspective than coming in with a lot of expectation." In this NBA, everybody else is an underdog. That even applies to Houston — which won 65 games

Associated Press last season, has the reigning MVP in James Harden, an elite point guard in Chris Paul who re-signed for \$160 million this summer, a deep-pocketed owner in Tilman Fertitta and an always-tinkering GM in Daryl Morey. The Rockets had the Warriors against the ropes in last season's Western Conference finals, leading that series 3-2 yet falling after Paul was lost to a hamstring injury. "We've all got one goal, man," Harden said. "You'll

keep hearing the same story over and over until I'm not here no more. We've got to win a 'chip. We've all got the same goal. We kind of, a little bit, we kind of know what it takes to almost get there. But we haven't gotten there yet." The Warriors are the best team and the Rockets had the best record, but the best player is now in L.A. After 15 seasons in the Eastern Conference, James — who has played in each of the last eight NBA Finals — has moved West. He signed a four-year deal in July with the Lakers, one that makes him the biggest star on the league's glitziest franchise. He's teamed up with talented young players like Kyle Kuzma, Lonzo Ball and Brandon Ingram, and former rivals like Rajon Rondo and Lance Stephenson. "I'm a basketball player," James said. "I play ball. That's what I do and that's what I live by. And when I do it at the level I do it at, everything else takes care of itself." The only certainty in the NBA this season is that James won't win the East — ending an eight-year run of that, four in Miami and four in Cleveland. □



In this Jan. 25, 2017, file photo, New York Knicks' Joakim Noah (13) walks to the bench during a time out in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks in Dallas.

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Joakim Noah's disappointing Knicks career is over after just two seasons.

Unable to find a trade, the Knicks waived the 33-year-old center Saturday with two years and \$37.8 million remaining on his contract. Noah had been away from

Knicks waive Joakim Noah after just 2 seasons

the team since clashing with former coach Jeff Hornacek last season, when he appeared in just seven games. The Knicks had already decided he wouldn't rejoin the club under new coach David Fizdale but were hoping they could find a long shot trade to get something back for him without having to cut him. The New York native signed with his hometown team in 2016 and drew a loud ovation in his first appearance at Madison Square Garden, where he was introduced as being from the Hell's Kitchen section of the city, rather than from Florida, the team he helped

win two NCAA championships. The Chicago Bulls selected him with the ninth overall pick in the 2007 draft. He had great years with the Bulls, highlighted by being voted Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-NBA in 2014. But Noah had begun battling injuries and already was in decline by the time former Knicks President Phil Jackson gave him a \$72 million, four-year contract, and Noah could never regain his old form. His first season in New York ended early when he was suspended 20 games by the NBA in March 2017 for a failed drug test, a suspen-

sion that carried into the 2017-18 season. He was unable to regain his rotation spot once he was eligible to return and didn't play again following his argument with Hornacek after playing 4½ minutes in a loss at Golden State on Jan. 23. Noah finished with an average of 4.6 points and 7.9 rebounds with New York. His \$18.6 million salary for this season will count fully against the salary cap and the Knicks can stretch out the remainder of his salary over multiple seasons. The Knicks also waived Kadeem Allen and Jeff Coby, getting their roster down to 17 players. □



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Price fell one out short of qualifying for the win, which would have been his first in 11 postseason starts. But it was the first time his team had won a playoff game he started, snapping a record run of October futility. "It's baby steps," said Price, who entered the night 0-9 in 10 career playoff starts. "I expect myself to be great in big moments, and I haven't done that thus far in my career. But I came here to win, period. I came here to win a World Series, and to do it multiple times. And that's what I'm about." Game 3 is Tuesday in Houston, followed by two more at Minute Maid Park and a chance for the defending World Series champions to clinch a second straight AL pennant at home. Marwin Gonzalez homered for the Astros, who had won five straight postseason games dating to Game 7 of the 2017 Series.

"We came here and won a game, and they played well tonight," Houston third baseman Alex Bregman said. "It's going to be a fun series, so we're looking forward to going back home." Price was spotted a two-run lead in the first inning and then fell behind 4-2 before Bradley clanged one off the left-field wall that Gonzalez chased helplessly as it bounced back toward the infield.

Price left leading 5-4 with two on with two out in the fifth before Matt Barnes struck out Gonzalez to end the inning and then pitched a perfect sixth

to earn the victory. Ryan Brasier pitched a scoreless inning and erstwhile starter Rick Porcello set the Astros down 1-2-3 in the eighth. Closer Craig Kimbrel gave up Jose Altuve's RBI single with two outs in the ninth before Bregman launched a high fly to left that Andrew Benintendi caught a step in front of the Monster. "I knew I missed it," Bregman said. "If I got it, it would have been on the street behind Fenway Park."

Gerrit Cole, who was so dominant in his Division Series start against Cleveland, gave up a double to Mookie Betts — the first batter of the game — as Boston sent eight batters to the plate in the first and scored twice.

The AL West champs tied it in the second on George Springer's two-run double down the right-field line. And when Gonzalez cleared the Monster — and the seats above them — with a two-run homer in the third, it looked like Price was headed for another loss (he has won two postseason games in relief.)

But Boston, which won the AL East and a franchise-record 108 games, came back in the bottom half, starting with Xander Bogaerts' one-out single and then a double by Steve Pearce that sent Gonzalez crashing back-first into the metal scoreboard on the left-field wall. He fell to the warning track, but after the training staff and manager AJ Hinch went out to check on him he stayed in the game.

"The ball, the wall, he's back-pedaling. He's got



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher David Price throws against the Houston Astros during the first inning in Game 2 of a baseball American League Championship Series on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, in Boston.

to make a decision on whether or not to concede the wall and try to play it off the wall or try to make a catch," Hinch said. "It's a well-placed hit."

Cole walked Devers on four pitches to load the bases and struck out Ian Kinsler on three before Bradley lofted one down the left-field line and off the Monster. As the ball bounced back toward the infield, it hopped on the padding along the side wall, just out of Gonzalez's reach. "Not really catching a break with it rolling on this awkward piece of padding all the way down was unfortunate," Cole said. "But you put yourself in that position."

Betts scored an insurance run in the seventh, walking to lead off the inning and coming around to make it 6-4 on a wild pitch and a pair of passed balls. He gave Boston a 7-4 lead with

an RBI double in the eighth.

PRICE IS RIGHT

In all, Price was charged with four runs on five hits and four walks, striking out four in 4 2/3 innings. Price's teams had lost all 10 of his previous postseason starts, the longest such losing streak in baseball history. He allowed three runs and got just five outs in Game 2 against the Yankees, the only Red Sox loss in the series.

As Price left the field on this night, the crowd rose to applaud the pitcher they booed off the mound in the Division Series, and he tapped the brim of his cap. "It's definitely appreciated," Price said. "It wasn't the line I dreamed up to have tonight. But our offense, our defense, everybody rallied together."

SALE OUT

The Red Sox said Game 1 starter Chris Sale was hos-

pitalized with a stomach illness but Cora said he was still hoping the he would join the team in Houston.

"He was feeling bad and he's at the hospital," Cora said. "From what I know, it's nothing serious. But obviously whenever you have to go to the hospital you've got to be 'worried.'" Cora said it did not affect his performance in the series opener, which Houston won 7-2.

HOMER HAPPY

It was Houston's 14th straight postseason game with a homer, breaking the major league record that had been held by the Astros from 2001-04.

UP NEXT

Dallas Keuchel, who was 12-11 with a 3.74 ERA in the regular season, will start Game 3 for Houston. He allowed two runs in five innings in the Game 3 clincher against Cleveland. □

Patriots, Brady top Chiefs for wild 43-40 win

**By The Associated Press
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)**

— Stephen Gostkowski hit a 28-yard field goal as time expired, and the New England Patriots beat the Kansas City Chiefs 43-40 on Sunday night after blowing a big halftime lead.

Tom Brady passed for 340 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score in his 200th victory as a starting quarterback, tops in NFL history. Brady also passed former teammate Adam Vinatieri for most career wins in the regular season and playoffs combined with 227.

It was the first loss of the season for the Chiefs (5-1). New England (4-2) led 24-9 at intermission, but Patrick Mahomes directed an impressive rally by Kansas City in the second half. He finished 23 of 36 for 352 yards in his first loss as a starting quarterback, with three of his four TD passes going to Tyreek Hill.

Mahomes threw two interceptions in the first half, but was unflappable down the stretch. He found Hill for a 75-yard touchdown pass that tied it with just over three minutes remaining.

STEELERS 28, BENGALS 21

CINCINNATI (AP) — James Conner ran for 111 yards and a pair of touchdowns on the eve of Le'Veon Bell's possible return, and Antonio Brown turned a short pass into a 31-yard touchdown with 10 seconds left as Pittsburgh pulled off another improbable comeback in Cincinnati.

The Steelers (3-2-1) have won eight in a row against their AFC North rival, three times rallying in the final minute at Paul Brown Stadium to keep it going. After Joe Mixon's 4-yard touchdown run with 1:18 left got the Bengals (4-2) thinking this might finally be the time they end the streak, Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers stunned them again.

Brown caught a short pass and outran the secondary for the winning score, leaving thousands of Steelers fans twirling their towels in the stands. The Steelers are



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) passes under pressure from the Kansas City Chiefs during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass.

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16-2 at Paul Brown Stadium during Marvin Lewis' 16 seasons as Bengals coach, including a pair of playoff wins.

Same outcome as usual. This one ended with a brief scuffle after Andy Dalton's final pass fell incomplete, leaving him 3-12 all-time against Pittsburgh.

The Steelers have found their stride behind Conner, who became the featured back when Bell decided to hold out. He has run for more than 100 yards in each of the last two games, and his two 1-yard touchdown runs Sunday put him in the company of a pair of Steelers Hall of Famers.

Conner has seven rushing touchdowns in six games, joining Franco Harris (1976) and Jerome Bettis (2004) as the only Steelers with that accomplishment.

RAVENS 21, TITANS 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Ravens piled up a franchise-record 11 sacks in the rain. Za'Darius Smith had three sacks and Patrick Onwuasor had two for the Ravens (4-2), who had six sacks by halftime. They finished a sack off the NFL record for a game, shared by five teams.

Dean Pees and the Titans simply couldn't stop his old team as the Ravens outgained Tennessee 361-

106 and punted only once against a defense led by their former defensive coordinator. Pees came out of a short retirement to join first-year head coach Mike Vrabel.

Joe Flacco threw for 238 yards and a touchdown for Baltimore. Alex Collins scored on TD runs of 13 and 2 yards.

The Titans (3-3) lost their second straight and were shut out at home for the first time since moving into Nissan Stadium in 1999. Tennessee has not scored a touchdown in eight straight quarters. The Ravens couldn't have looked much better handing Tennessee its first shutout since Nov. 28, 2010.

Marcus Mariota tried playing both with and without the partial glove covering his ring and pinkie fingers on his throwing hand. It didn't help as Mariota was sacked the most in his four-year NFL career and most allowed by the Titans since giving up seven in a loss at Houston on Nov. 1, 2015. Coach Ken Whisenhunt was fired two days later.

RAMS 23, BRONCOS 20

DENVER (AP) — Todd Gurley rushed for a career-high 208 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries and the Rams celebrated Wade Phillips' homecom-

ing.

The Rams, who had surrendered 31 points in back-to-back games, improved to 6-0 in sending the Broncos (2-4) to their fourth straight loss.

The Broncos pulled to 23-20 on Case Keenum's 1-yard dart to Demaryius Thomas with 1:22 remaining, capping a 77-yard drive that included three defensive penalties. Rams receiver Robert Woods, however, knocked Brandon McManus' onside kick out of bounds, and the Rams ran out the clock with Jared Goff (14 of 28 for 201 yards) twice taking a knee.

Phillips was the Broncos' beloved bandmaster when they were celebrating their Super Bowl 50 triumph, but his contract wasn't renewed after the 2016 season and he joined Sean McVay in sunny Southern California.

After an overnight snowstorm, the game-time temperature of 25 degrees marked the second-coldest in Denver prior to November in franchise history. The cold did nothing to slow down Gurley, who scored his 10th and 11th touchdowns of the season.

COWBOYS 40, JAGUARS 7

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott threw two touchdown passes to Cole

Beasley to spark the previously punchless Dallas passing game and rushed for a career-high 82 yards.

Perhaps pumped up by some pregame mingling with UFC fighter Conor McGregor, the Cowboys rolled to a 24-0 halftime lead. Beasley got his first two touchdowns of the season for the NFL's 30th-ranked passing offense that was facing the league's No. 1 pass defense. The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year had already set his personal best in rushing for a game when he spun out of a sack for the longest run of his career, a 28-yarder. He scored Dallas' first touchdown on a 17-yard run. The Cowboys (3-3) won their first three games of the season at 9-year-old AT&T Stadium for the first time. Most of their offensive struggles have been in the three road losses.

Blake Bortles, who established a career high in yards passing in consecutive weeks and had a chance to become the fifth NFL quarterback with three straight games of at least 375 yards, was 15 of 26 for 149 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

DOLPHINS 31, BEARS 28, OT

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Jason Sanders kicked a 47-yard field goal on the final play of overtime after Cody Parkey missed a 53-yard try for the Chicago Bears, who blew an 11-point lead in the final 16 minutes of regulation.

Miami's Brock Osweiler threw for 380 yards and three touchdowns subbing for Ryan Tannehill, who sat out because of an injured throwing shoulder. Albert Wilson turned two short passes into long touchdowns in the fourth quarter and finished with 155 yards on six receptions.

The Dolphins took the kickoff to start overtime, marched 74 yards and were on the verge of victory when Kenyan Drake fumbled just before crossing the goal line. Eddie Goldman recovered for the Bears, who then drove to the Miami 35. □

Marijuana legalization in Canada won't change NHL yet



In this Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, file photo, Pittsburgh Penguins' Eric Godard, left, and Philadelphia Flyers' Riley Cote (32) fight in the first period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh.

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

As Riley Cote took and delivered countless punches over more than a decade of junior and pro hockey, he was eager to avoid painkillers.

Early on, marijuana was touted to the enforcer as a healing option.

"I started noticing some therapeutic benefits," Cote said. "It helped me sleep, helped with my anxiety and general well-being."

Now a handful of years into retirement, Cote is a proponent of cannabis and its oils as an alternative to more addictive drugs commonly used by athletes to play through pain. Marijuana can be detected in a person's system for more than 30 days, is banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency without a specific therapeutic use exemption and is illegal in much of the United States.

Canada on Wednesday will become the largest country in the world to legalize recreational marijuana. That means it will be available under the law in seven more NHL cities (it's been legal to adults in Denver since 2012). The move is a step forward for those who, like Cote, believe marijuana has been stigmatized and should be ac-

cepted as a form of treatment.

"It was so tainted for a long time," Ottawa Senators forward Matt Duchene said. "And now people are starting to learn a little bit more about it and there is definitely some positive uses to different elements of it."

The NHL and NHL Players' Association plan no changes to their joint drug-testing policy, under which players are not punished for positive marijuana tests. It is the most lenient approach to cannabis by any major North American professional sports league. "The Substance Abuse & Behavioral Health Program for decades has been educating players on using drugs, legal or illegal," Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "That process will continue and we will consider what changes, if any, in our program have to be made. But right now, we think based on the educational level and what we do test for and how we test, at least for the time being, we're comfortable with where we are."

While the NFL and NBA can suspend and MLB can fine players for multiple marijuana infractions, only a significantly high amount of the drug found in NHL/NHLPA testing triggers a referral to

behavioral health program doctors. Cote estimated about half of players during his NHL career from 2007-2010 used some sort of cannabis for medicinal purposes, though players suggest use in hockey currently is lower than the population at large.

More than two dozen U.S. states allow marijuana use for a variety of ailments, but the federal government has not approved it for any medical use. Some players have already done research into the benefits of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) oils. There's a curiosity about whether marijuana could one day replace or limit painkillers like oxycodone, even if players aren't yet ready to make that leap.

"There's not a lot of science out there yet in terms of long-term effects," said Winnipeg Jets center Mark Scheifele, who is still on the fence about cannabis use for medical reasons. "I think it's something that still needs to be thought really clearly about in terms of understanding the long-term effects."

Through his Hemp Heals Foundation and work with Lehigh Valley University in Pennsylvania, Cote is doing his part to increase the



In this Sept. 25, 2018, file photo, Devin Melnyk, a long-time marijuana grower and a consultant with Pure Sunfarms, holds trimmed marijuana as it comes out of a high-volume cannabis trimming machine at a massive tomato greenhouse being renovated to grow pot in Delta, British Columbia.

Associated Press

information available. He's quick to point to studies on cannabis that suggest it can help people after PTSD or head trauma. And yet he acknowledges there's a long way to go.

"There's a lot of different things that point to the fact that the science is now backing it up," Cote said. "There's probably billions of anecdotal stories, but those don't mean anything unless it's backed by science, unless it follows the order of the way it's supposed to be."

Bettman contends the mainstream medical community has not concluded that cannabis prevents or heals injuries, and said an argument could be made to the contrary. NHLPA Executive Director Donald Fehr said it's a subject that is "at best in its infancy and is going to develop over time."

"What we feel was an important element is at least educating the players better on the current marijuana landscape both from a legal and illegal perspective and what's permitted and not permitted," Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said. "But also 'What are the products out there?' because there's probably publicly a great misconception of what marijuana is, how it's used, what it's used for to what the reality is."

Players who aren't yet educated about marijuana are willing to ask around about potential benefits as more

studies are done.

"I say this more talking about the CBD side of it, obviously: You'd be stupid not to at least look into it," Edmonton Oilers captain Connor McDavid said. "When your body's sore like it is sometimes, you don't want to be taking pain stuff and taking Advil all the time. There's obviously better ways to do it. ... You're seeing a lot of smart guys look into it. You're seeing a lot of really smart doctors look into it. If all the boxes are checked there and it's safe and everything like that, then I think you would maybe hear them out."

The possibility of experimenting with cannabis extracts is more possible in the NHL than for players with the NBA's Toronto Raptors or MLB's Toronto Blue Jays because of the regulations in those sports.

In the NBA, a second positive test carries a \$25,000 fine and each subsequent test a suspension of five games, then 10 and so on. In baseball, a player on a 40-man roster could be fined up to \$35,000, while a player not on a 40-man roster is subject to a 50-game suspension for a second positive test and 100 for a third.

A Raptors spokeswoman said it's business as usual for the team because the new laws in Canada don't change NBA drug policy. Blue Jays general manager Ross Atkins also largely deferred to the league office. □

Google Pixel 3 phone aims to automate more daily tasks

By **ANICK JESDANUN**
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There's not much about the physical details of Google's new Pixel 3 phone that you can't find elsewhere. That bigger display and curved design? Apple and Samsung phones already have that.

But the Pixel doesn't intend to wow people with its hardware anyway. It's really a showcase for Google's latest advances in software, particularly in artificial intelligence.

Google wants to help you manage daily life, from screening unwanted phone calls to predicting what you'll type. The software underscores how Google is tapping its strengths in personalization — and perhaps make money through ads in the process.

You get free services in exchange for letting Google deeper into your life. The Pixel isn't likely to work for anyone uncomfortable with that trade-off.

As impressive as Google's ambitions are, though, AI is still new at the job of saving us from meaningless tasks. That may not come until an eventual Pixel 9 or Pixel 13. The Pixel 3, out Thursday starting at about \$800, is for those who can't wait.

CALL SCREENING

No doubt you've gotten an automated call from a telemarketer pitching lower interest rates or vacation shares. Google now lets you fight back with an automated response.

When a mystery call comes in, just hit "Screen call."



This Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, file photo shows the Google Pixel 3 XL, left, and Google Pixel 3 smartphones in New York.

Associated Press

Google's voice assistant takes over and asks for a name and purpose of the call. Transcribed responses appear in real time, so you can decide whether to pick up. You can even request more information by tapping buttons such as "Tell me more."

It's a good concept, though it's not clear that it really saves time. You still need to follow the voice assistant's chatter; taking the call and hanging up would often be faster. Perhaps Google's assistant could one day handle all that for you without even ringing the phone, then decide based on the response whether to interrupt your game of "Fortnite." But legitimate callers would still find this annoying. It didn't help that I kept tapping "I can't understand,"

forcing friends to repeat themselves over and over to a robot.

TEXT RECOGNITION

Point the camera at a business card, flyer or other printed text, and Google will try to extract phone numbers and addresses. It also works with QR and barcodes. If this sounds familiar, it's because it is.

Last year's Pixel phones had this Google Lens feature, while Samsung has a similar feature called Bixby Vision.

The difference: Before, you had to tap something to activate a feature. Now it's automatic.

The feature is most useful if you have a business card or flyer handy when you're ready to make a call, visit a website or get directions through Google Maps.

You still need a few extra

taps to add the information to your contact list. Then there's the task of tagging which is number is for home, work or cell, and what context you met that person in. That much management might incline you to let those piles of business cards keep stacking up.

A SMART STAND-IN

Place the phone on an optional \$79 Pixel Stand charging station, and it can display a rotating set of images from an album you choose. Or you can trust Google to select the best shots.

Soon, you'll be able to let Google's facial-recognition technology just pick out photos of your family, including new shots as you take them (though not in the European Union, where privacy regulations are tighter.)

The photo display will take you down memory lane, as images from past trips, weddings and family events come up. If only Google was smart enough to remove the party shots never meant for public, sober viewing.

The stand works well as a bedside companion. Before bed, it offers to set your alarm. In the morning, one tap gets you the weather, upcoming calendar events and details about traffic on your commute. It's not perfect, though: Google still hasn't figured out that I don't own a car and have no use for driving directions. Or that I don't need commute information on weekends.

SMART SNAPPING

Just smile or make a funny

face for the selfie camera to automatically take the shot.

For regular photos, Google captures extra shots as alternatives, in case someone blinks or blocks the view, though Google's recommendations aren't always spot on, as even humans can disagree on what looks best.

The camera also uses software to combine multiple versions of images, essentially filling in some gaps so that zoomed-in shots come out sharper than they normally would.

It starts to cross the line of digital manipulation, but pictures do look nice. It's still no replacement from a real zoom, which the latest Apple and Samsung phones offer via a second lens. Google turns to software to make up for what it lacks in hardware.

A NOTE ON PRIVACY

Google executives emphasize that much of the AI analysis is taking place on the phone, not Google's servers. When screening calls, for instance, all interactions stay private unless you report the number as spam, in which case it gets added to Google's database as a warning to others. The basic text recognition for the Google Lens feature and the camera's image processing also are done on the device.

But more advanced Google Lens features, such as recognizing museum paintings, require sending data to Google's servers. So do most of the requests you make on the Pixel stand. □

Louisiana considers special recognition for STEM work

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)

— Louisiana students who complete specified courses in science, technology, engineering and mathematics may soon be able to earn special endorsements on their high school diplomas. Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education members are scheduled soon to

consider the new diploma endorsements for completion of what are popularly known as STEM courses.

State education superintendent John White says the endorsements — represented by a gold or silver seal on diplomas — will be an incentive to engage in STEM course work.

A Department of Educa-

tion news release says silver seals will go to those who complete a subset of specified STEM courses. A gold seal will go to those who complete all of the courses. BESE's Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee will vote on the diploma endorsements Tuesday. The item is expected to move to

the full board for approval Wednesday.

The department says the proposed endorsements are part of the state's broader push to boost STEM education and career preparation.

"More than half of Louisiana students are interested in pursuing careers in STEM fields, but only 10 per-

cent meet the benchmark demonstrating their readiness for math and science coursework in college," White said in the news release. "Louisiana is working to change this by ensuring students have exposure to STEM coursework and credentials starting in the early grades and continuing through college." □

Rich San Francisco businesses could face homelessness tax

By JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco has come to be known around the world as a place for aggressive panhandling, open-air drug use and sprawling tent camps, the dirt and despair all the more remarkable for the city's immense wealth.

Some streets are so filthy that officials launched a special "poop patrol." A young tech worker created "Snapcrap" — an app to report the filth. Morning commuters walk briskly past homeless people huddled against subway walls. In the city's squalid downtown area, the frail and sick shuffle along in wheelchairs or stumble around, sometimes half-clothed.

The situation has become so dire that a coalition of activists collected enough signatures to put a measure on the city's Nov. 6 ballot that would tax hundreds of San Francisco's wealthiest companies to help thousands of homeless and mentally ill residents, an effort that failed earlier this year in Seattle. Proposition C would raise \$300 million a year, nearly doubling what the city already spends to combat homelessness.

"This is the worst it's ever been," says Marc Benioff, founder of cloud-computing giant Salesforce and a fourth-generation San Franciscan, who is supporting the measure even though his company would pay an additional \$10 million a year if it passes. "Nobody should have to live like this. They don't need to live like this. We can get this under control."

"We have to do it. We have to try something," said Sunshine Powers, who owns a tie-dye boutique, Love on Haight, in the city's historic Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. "If my community is bad, nobody is going to want to come here."

The proposition is the latest battle between big business and social services advocates who demand that corporate America pay to solve inequities exacerbated by its success. In San

Francisco, it's also become an intriguing fight between recently elected Mayor London Breed, who is sid-

residents out of tight housing markets.

A family of four in San Francisco earning \$117,000 is

year, largely from Google, for transit projects.

The San Francisco measure is different in that it would

ber of Commerce, whose board includes representatives of Microsoft, LinkedIn and Oracle, is leading the fight.

Up to 400 businesses would be affected, with internet and financial services sectors bearing nearly half the cost.

The city says confidentiality precludes revealing tax information, but some of the companies expected to pay the most are big names across major industries. Wells Fargo & Co., retailer Gap Inc. and ride-hailing platform Uber declined to comment.

Pharmaceutical distributor McKesson Corp. referred questions to a private-sector trade association, the Committee on Jobs, which called the measure flawed. Utility Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. said it has not taken a position. Twitter declined to comment, but chief executive Jack Dorsey said via tweet last week that he trusts Breed to fix the problem.

"Anyone can take a look at the status quo and understand it's not working, but more money alone is not the sole answer," says Jess Montejano, spokesman for the "No on C" campaign. Benioff disagrees. A \$37 million two-year initiative he helped start with the city and to which he contributed more than \$11 million has housed nearly 400 families through rent subsidies, he said. □



In this Oct. 1, 2018 photo, Stormy Nichole Day, left, sits on a sidewalk on Haight Street with Nord (last name not given) and his dog Hobo while interviewed about being homeless in San Francisco. Associated Press

ing with the city's Chamber of Commerce in urging a no vote, and philanthropist Benioff, whose company is San Francisco's largest private employer with 8,400 workers.

Breed came out hard against the measure, saying it lacked collaboration, could attract homeless people from neighboring counties to the city, and could cost middle-class jobs in retail and service. San Francisco has already dramatically increased spending on homelessness, she said, with no noticeable improvement.

San Francisco spent \$380 million of its \$10 billion budget last year on services related to homelessness.

"I have to make decisions with my head, not just my heart," Breed said. "I do not believe doubling what we spend on homelessness without new accountability, when we don't even spend what we have now efficiently, is good government."

Cities along the West Coast are grappling with rampant homelessness, driven in part by growing numbers of well-paying tech jobs that price lower-income

considered low-income. Business prevailed in Seattle, when leaders in June repealed a per-employee tax that would have raised \$50 million a year, after Amazon and Starbucks pushed back. In July, the city council of Cupertino in Silicon Valley scuttled a similar head tax after opposition from its largest employer, Apple Inc.

Mountain View residents, however, will vote this fall on a per-employee tax expected to raise \$6 million a


levy the tax mostly by revenue rather than by number of employees — an average half-percent tax increase on companies' revenue above \$50 million each year. It was also put on the ballot by citizens, not elected officials.

Online payment processing company Stripe has voiced opposition and contributed \$120,000 to the campaign against Proposition C, but other companies have stayed quiet.

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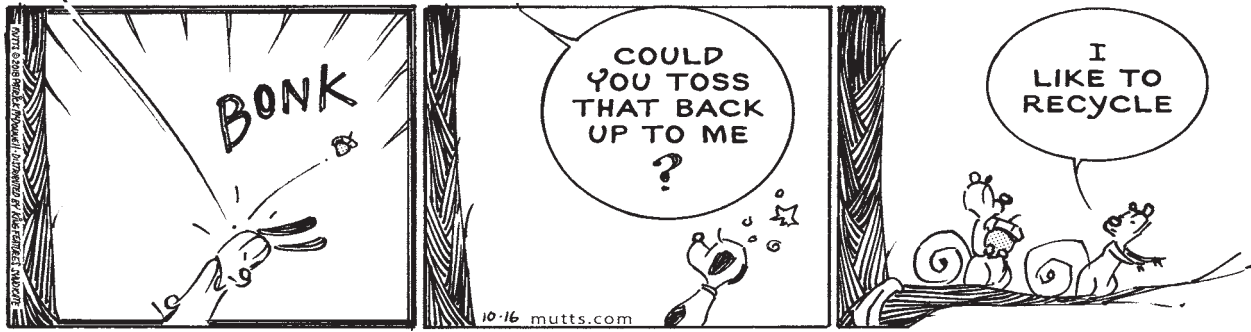
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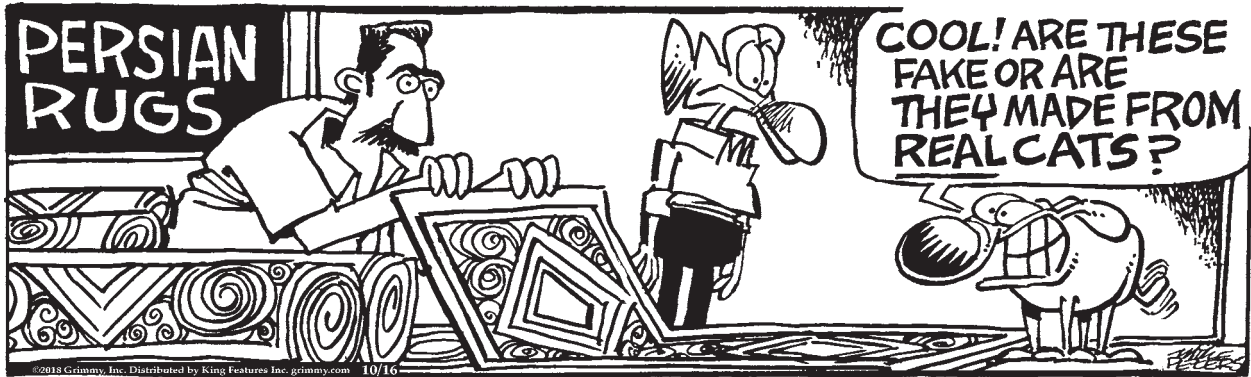
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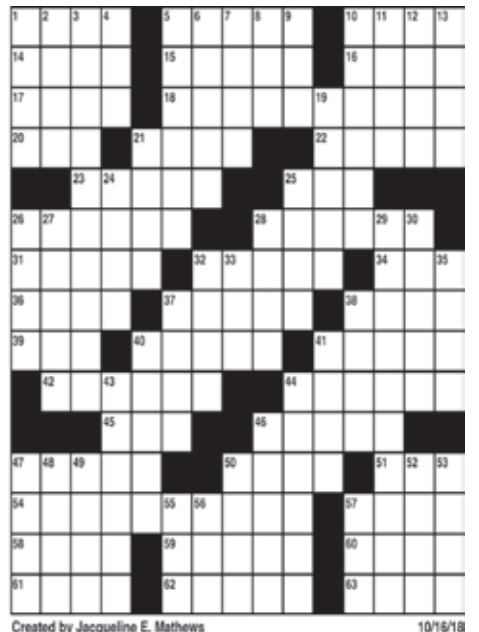
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 1 Uncertain
- 5 Be ready for
- 10 Deeds
- 14 Eucalyptus or ash
- 15 Actress Messing
- 16 Blood-sucking insect
- 17 Tigers & tabbies
- 18 Unyielding
- 20 Shack
- 21 Hitchhiker's hope
- 22 Pool toys
- 23 Bring together
- 25 Jewel
- 26 "Little Women" author
- 28 Leaf vegetables
- 31 Filthy __; ill-gotten gain
- 32 Wide
- 34 Feasted
- 36 Overly proper
- 37 Anxieties
- 38 Stick around
- 39 Moral transgression
- 40 See eye __; agree
- 41 Snail's trail
- 42 Remains; rubbish
- 44 Ice cream portions
- 45 " __ Abner"
- 46 __ away; flabbergasted
- 47 "Get lost!"
- 50 Sandy sediment
- 51 Be victorious
- 54 __ ads; newspaper section
- 57 Critical
- 58 Dad's sister
- 59 Water barrier
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- 61 New Jersey team
- 62 City in England
- 63 __ away; dismiss



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 2 Berlin wife
- 3 Thick flat pasta
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- 5 Floating
- 6 Like neglected gardens
- 7 Suffix for laugh or fashion
- 8 Wrath
- 9 Deer's color
- 10 On fire
- 11 Treble __; musical symbol
- 12 Quiz
- 13 Talk back
- 19 Like a forest
- 21 Ceremony
- 24 Man's nickname
- 25 Mardi __
- 26 Swiss skier's milieu
- 27 Gruesome
- 28 Puncture
- 29 Across the country
- 30 Rubber __; approve routinely
- 32 Stingers
- 33 Actor Romano
- 35 Facial features
- 37 Aluminum wrap
- 38 Sluggish
- 40 Brief haircuts
- 41 Aberdeen native
- 43 Explosions
- 44 Playground inclines
- 46 Raise AKC dogs
- 47 Read over quickly
- 48 Helpful hint
- 49 Angry speech
- 50 Be generous
- 52 Press
- 53 Bookish fellow
- 55 Under the weather
- 56 " __-to-tum..."
- 57 __ and don'ts; rules

Ecuador tells Assange to curb speech, look after cat

By RAPHAEL SATTER
AP Cybersecurity Writer
LONDON (AP) — Ecuador has formally ordered Julian Assange to steer clear of topics that could harm its diplomatic interests if he wants to be reconnected to the internet, according to a memo published in a local media outlet Monday.

The nine-page memo published by Ecuadorean website Codigo Vidrio said Assange is prohibited from "interfering in the internal affairs of other states" or from activities "that could prejudice Ecuador's good relations with other states." There was no indication Assange signed onto the memo, which governs the WikiLeaks founder's access to the Wi-Fi network of the Ecuadoran Embassy in London, where he lived since seeking asylum there in 2012.

The Associated Press could not immediately authenticate the document. But Codigo Vidrio has a track record of publishing inside material from the London embassy, and the restrictions detailed in the memo echo the conditions Ecuadorean President Lenin Moreno recently described in an interview with AP.

Messages left with Ecuador's Foreign Ministry and WikiLeaks representatives were not immediately re-

turned.

Tension has been long building between Assange and his hosts, particularly after the Australian ex-hacker began cheering on Catalanian secessionists in Spain last year. In March, Ecuador announced it was restricting Assange's access to the internet.

On Sunday, WikiLeaks said Assange would be reconnected to the internet, but it's not clear whether the move was contingent on him agreeing to Ecuador's conditions.

The memo mostly governs security and communication issues, but offers hints of other Assange issues at the embassy.

For example, the document ordered Assange to keep the bathroom clean and warned that his pet cat would be confiscated and taken to an animal shelter if he did not look after it.

Assange took refuge at Ecuadorean Embassy to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he faced sex crimes allegations. □



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As sea ice melts, some say walrus need better protection

By **DAN JOLING**

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Given a choice between giving birth on land or sea ice, Pacific walrus mothers most often choose ice.

Likewise, they prefer sea ice for molting, mating, nursing and resting between dives for food. Trouble is, as the century progresses, there's going to be far less ice around.

How well walrus cope with less sea ice is at the heart of a legal fight over whether walrus should be listed as a threatened species, giving them an added protection against human encroachments.

The federal government in 2008 listed polar bears as a threatened species because of diminished sea ice brought on by climate warming. That year the Center for Biological Diversity petitioned to do the same for walrus.

However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded in October 2017 that walrus are adapting and no one has proven that they "need" sea ice.

"It is unknown whether Pacific walrus can give birth, conduct their nursing during immediate post-natal care period, or complete courtship on land," said Justice Department lawyers in defending the decision.

A federal judge in Alaska will hear the center's lawsuit challenging the government's decision not to list the walrus as threatened. There is no court date set for the lawsuit.

Pacific walrus males grow to 12 feet (3.7 meters) long and up to 4,000 pounds (1,815 kilograms) — more than an average midsize sedan. Females reach half

that weight. Walrus dive and use sensitive whiskers to find clams and snails in dim light on the sea floor.

their summer, ice could be absent during that season by 2060 or sooner, according to the Fish and Wildlife

Designating walrus as threatened would mean oil exploration companies would have to consult with

the answer is not so clear cut, and much is unknown about how sea ice loss will affect walrus.

Chad Jay of the U.S. Geological Survey said it's unknown, for example, why female walrus give birth on ice instead of land.

"One of the thoughts is that ... there's more protection for the young from predators," he said. "They're off-shore, and it's a cleaner environment, too, for giving birth. But those are hypotheses that are difficult to prove."

A nursing walrus needs to consume more than 7,800 clams per day, according to a federal assessment. And summer is the usual time for animals to fatten up. When ice melted in alarming quantities, forcing females and their calves to shore in herds as large as 40,000, government scientists in 2008 tagged and tracked walrus to see how the changes affected their feeding.

They learned that females, forced to rest on beaches instead of ice, were still visiting their favorite feeding areas. However, the longer swims drew down fat reserves critical for lactating. The walrus should be fine, the study concluded, if they can replace calories with additional feeding in winter, but whether that's happening is unknown.

Undernourished females produce smaller offspring less likely to survive. The declining size of polar bear cubs in the southern Beaufort Sea was a factor in the decision to list them as threatened.

Endangered species law does not require perfect science to demonstrate adverse effects, Wolf said. When there's uncertainty, she said, the benefit of the doubt goes to the species. There have been previous geological time periods when walrus experienced a lack of sea ice, said Jay.

"Maybe they can get through that sort of an environment. Maybe they can't," he said. "No one really knows." □



This June 12, 2010, photo provided by the United States Geological Survey shows Pacific walrus resting on an ice flow in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska.

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Historically hunted for ivory tusks, meat and blubber, walrus since 1972 have been shielded by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Only Alaska Native subsistence hunters may legally kill them.

An Endangered Species Act listing would require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate critical habitat for walrus and plan for their recovery. Federal agencies, before issuing permits for development such as offshore drilling, would be required to ensure walrus and their habitat would not be jeopardized.

Inaccessibility protected walrus for decades, but a rapid decline in summer sea ice has made them vulnerable.

In the Chukchi Sea between Alaska and Russia, where Pacific walrus females and juveniles spend

Service. Since 1981, an area more than double the size of Texas — 610,000 square miles (1.58 million square kilometers) — has become unavailable to Arctic marine mammals by summer's end, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

By late August, as sea ice recedes beyond the shallow continental shelf, female walrus and their calves face a choice: Stay on ice over water too deep to reach the ocean floor for feeding — or come ashore for rest periods, where the smallest animals can be crushed in stampedes triggered by a hunter, airplane or bear.

More open water already has meant more ship traffic. Walrus also could find more humans in their habitat with a reversal of U.S. policy on Arctic offshore drilling. Former President Barack Obama permanently withdrew most Arctic waters from lease sales, but President Donald Trump in April 2017 announced he was reversing Obama, a decision being challenged in court. The administration's proposed five-year offshore leasing plan includes sales in the Chukchi Sea.

federal wildlife officials to make sure drill rigs don't endanger the animals. However, Trump's Interior and Commerce departments in July proposed administrative changes to the species law that would end automatic protections for threatened plants and animals and set limits on designating habitat as crucial to recovery.

Walrus are notoriously difficult to count — and population estimates range widely. A preliminary one in 2017 put the number at 283,213, with the caveat that it could be as low as 93,000 or as high as 478,975. The array of stresses and uncertainty about the walrus' future are enough evidence for listing them as threatened, the Center for Biological Diversity argues. In the last decade, walrus that gathered on shores have suffered hundreds of stampede deaths, and the loss of ice floes has pushed them away from feeding areas, said Shaye Wolf, climate science director for the nonprofit conservation group.

"They're not adapting. They're suffering," Wolf said. Scientists advising the Fish and Wildlife Service say



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Paul Stanley: Kiss farewell tour could include ex-members

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) —

It won't be all night, but former members of Kiss might get the chance to rock 'n' roll with the band one last time.

Kiss frontman Paul Stanley says the band's (second) farewell tour could include former members performing onstage.

In an interview in Atlantic City where he was promoting his artwork, Stanley told The Associated Press the band's "End of the Road" world tour starting next year could include appearances by former members. He did not single out anyone by name, but living ex-members are guitarists Ace Frehley, Vinnie Vincent and Bruce Kulick, and drummer Peter Criss.

Since the tour was announced last month, Kiss fans have been clamoring for a farewell that includes former members.

"I wouldn't discount any possibilities," said Stanley, who plays the Starchild character in the band. "I learned long ago to never say never. Would I negate the possibility of former members making appearances? Absolutely not. I don't know in what capacity."

Stanley then went on to



In this Oct. 13, 2018 photo, Paul Stanley, singer and guitarist for the rock group Kiss, speaks during an interview among his artwork at a gallery in Atlantic City, N.J.

extol the virtues and stability of the current lineup: himself, bassist and vocalist Gene Simmons; drummer Eric Singer and guitarist Tommy Thayer, calling it "the crux and the core of the band on tour."

That lineup is already rehearsing the farewell show, even as its elements remain undecided. Stanley said the set list will be expanded from the recent 16 songs to 25, adding the band has

"thrown away every piece of hardware that we used on any of the previous tours and created a completely new show."

Formed in 1973, Kiss did a farewell tour in 2000 with the original lineup of Stanley, Simmons, Frehley and Criss. Yet within a year, Simmons and Stanley decided to keep the band going, promoting guitar tech and band assistant Thayer to the role of full-fledged lead

guitarist, and bringing back Singer, who first drummed with the band following the death of Eric Carr in 1991 through the 1996 reunion tour of original members. Tensions within the band soon resurfaced in 2000.

"In the emotional state that we were in, we thought that it's better to put down the horse rather than nurse it back to health," Stanley said. "We in essence threw the baby out with the bath

water."

Those tensions are never far from the surface when former Kissers get together — and could still scuttle a last hurrah for them, despite everyone's best intentions.

"There are personalities and histories and things that may make it impossible to spend a romantic evening with your ex-wife," Stanley said.

Speaking of ex-wives, Stanley started painting several years ago while in the midst of a divorce.

"Anyone who's been through a divorce probably spent a lot of time either banging their head on the wall or crying a lot," Stanley said. "It's a very tumultuous time. My best friend said to me, 'You should paint.' I never painted. But my life is pretty much built on the premise of 'why not?' instead of 'why?' I had no idea how or what I was going to do. And I started painting."

His pieces include self-portraits, paintings of fellow Kiss band members, as well as Jimi Hendrix, Marilyn Monroe, and more abstract art. It's heavy on bold color and simple in brush strokes and design.

He has sold over \$10 million worth of art through the Wentworth Gallery in the past five years. □

Groups fighting sexual violence awarded #MeToo funding

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight groups across the nation have been awarded funding from the New York Women's Foundation for their efforts to fight sexual violence. The groups, chosen in consultation with #MeToo founder Tarana Burke, are focused on marginalized and underserved communities, including immigrant communities and communities of color as well as LGBTQ people, the foundation says. The money — \$840,000 — comes from the "Fund for the MeToo Movement and Allies," set up by The New York Women's Foundation earlier this year. The group



In this Oct. 12, 2018 file photo, #MeToo founder Tarana Burke arrives at Variety's Power of Women event in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

provided an initial \$1 million for a fund to support Burke and the movement she founded 12 years ago, along with other similar organizations, with a goal of

raising \$5 million a year. It also includes "me too," as Burke's Brooklyn-based group is called. The organization has been working on a new digital community

to help survivors of sexual violence, as well as on-the-ground programming including healing circles, and what Burke calls "training the trainers" — preparing counselors to go out into communities across the country. Other groups in the first round of funding include Black Women's Blueprint and the Violence Intervention Program, both in New York; Equality Labs, a national group; and the Los Angeles-based FreeFrom, which works with survivors of domestic violence.

"This is about supporting the people who support the people," Burke said in an interview. She noted that the grants come as the broader #MeToo

movement, launched by the explosive Harvey Weinstein allegations, marks its one-year anniversary.

"As we reach the anniversary, it's really clear that so many people don't understand the priorities of the movement, and the needs of both the people who have said 'me too' and the people who support them." "It's important that we acknowledge that #MeToo going viral didn't just cause a major shift in the entertainment industry and corporations," Burke added. "It caused a shift on the ground of everyday people who are opening themselves up and find themselves in need of resources." □

Carell and Chalamet on bonding for the film 'Beautiful Boy'

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Steve Carell and Timothee Chalamet both knew the addiction drama "Beautiful Boy" hinged on the father-son relationship.

The movie is based on the twin memoirs of David Sheff and his son, Nic, about each's perspective on Nic's decade-long, nearly fatal plunge into meth addiction. Toggling between nightmare and memory, "Beautiful Boy," fluctuates between addiction and recovery, between the love and anguish of a father and son.

So when the two first met at Chalamet's final audition to read as Nic, it was a pregnant moment.

"I think it was an open-armed hug," recalled Chalamet of his eventual co-star's greeting. "I was very appreciative of that because I was really quite nervous going in there."

The meeting is vivid to Carell, too. For him and everyone else in the room, it was instantly clear Chalamet (whose breakthrough



In this Sept. 6, 2018 photo, Timothee Chalamet, left, and Steve Carell appear during a portrait session at the Omni King Edward Hotel to promote their film, "Beautiful Boy," during the Toronto Film Festival in Toronto.

Oscar-nominated role in "Call Me By Your Name" hadn't yet come out) was the right choice.

"I don't think I've ever seen a better audition," said Carell.

A year after Chalamet impressed audiences in his chemistry with Armie Ham-

mer in "Call Me By Your Name," "Beautiful Boy" teams him with another veteran actor who has likewise been something of a mentor to the 22-year-old Chalamet. The two found they had a natural affinity for each other despite being generations apart. Chalamet grew up an "Office" fan and in an interview last month over coffee, was most eager to hear the 56-year-old Carell's "Daily Show" stories.

"It was natural," said Chalamet. "I felt like we had a physical dialogue that was akin to what a father and son's physical dialogue would be."

"I feel absolutely the opposite," Carell deadpanned, cracking up his co-star. "He's somebody you want to be around. He's somebody you want to talk to. He's such a committed actor and takes it seriously but at the same time is entirely open."

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guilt and hopelessness.

When acquiring the rights to David's "Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction" (which grew out of a New York Times Magazine story) and Nic's "Tweak," producer Jeremy Kleiner of Brad Pitt's Plan B convinced the Sheffs that they would honor the realism of their story.

"To put this in someone else's hands was really scary," said David Sheff, an author and journalist. "What convinced us was what Jeremy said: Addiction has always been portrayed with the same few cliches over and over again. He said that he was committed to showing addiction the way it is: no easy answers. Everything about it is complicated."

An estimated 21.6 million Americans are addicted to drugs and another 16 million to alcohol. With the rise of opioids, deaths from drug overdoses have doubled in the last decade. It's an America that the Sheffs have gotten a close look at since their books came out — a response they hope will only be magnified by the movie.

"After sharing our stories, we've been able to really connect with all these different people that have either had similar experiences or know someone who's

gone through something like this," said Nic, now 36. "It's been an amazing example of how being open and sharing can facilitate those kind of conversations."

Being on book tours together and now with the movie has given both father and son time to talk through everything. Both say they've never felt closer. Before shooting began, Chalamet had lunch with Nic, and Carell met David, who also visited the set several times. "They both very bravely supported the movie," said Carell. "There was a great sense of trust on both their behalf. They had no idea how it was going to turn out, whether it was going to be some treacly depiction of the after-school special version of this story."

For the role, Chalamet dropped 18 pounds. But both he and Carell are cautious about playing up any of their efforts to authentically portray addiction and its toll.

"In addition to getting all the specifics of using right, it was first and foremost about the family and the relationships within that," said Carell. "It's not about mannerisms but rather the emotional truth they were living. And trying to get the moments where I'm using or high onscreen as accurate as possible without being so cavalier as to think that's what the true experience of an addict would be."

And as much as Carell and Chalamet focused on David and Nic, and their books, they drew as heavily from their own experiences with their fathers and, in Carell's case, with his kids. For Carell, the film resonates most deeply as a story about a family that is flawed but full of love. In other words, most families.

"It was as deeply as I have felt for something and for a story of anything I've ever been involved with," said Carell. "You can label this a story about addiction, but it's really a story about the love between these people." □

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Grand Ole Opry gives rare salute to soul genius Ray Charles

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

As an impoverished blind child in Florida, Ray Charles grew up listening to the country and western stars on the Grand Ole Opry broadcasts. That music of his childhood stayed close to his heart for the rest of his career, and it was his landmark two-volume set, "Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music," that changed country music in the '60s. Charles, who died in 2004, will be the subject of a new public television special airing in February. During a special taping Monday at the Grand Ole Opry, a diverse cast of singers, including Darius Rucker, Ronnie Milsap, Charlie Wilson, Boyz II Men, LeAnn Rimes, Cam and more, honored the soul genius. The rare tribute from the country music institution was in partnership with the Ray Charles Foundation, whose president Valerie Ervin said getting the recognition from the Opry was a priority for her.

"The Opry meant everything to him. He loved ev-



In this Oct. 8, 2018, photo, host Darius Rucker, left, introduces Ronnie Milsap during "An Opry Salute to Ray Charles" at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn.

erybody at the Opry," Ervin said. "He loved country music, so to have it here, it just seals it for me. I felt what he felt back in 1962 when he really wanted to be a part of the country world and there was no better place to do it than the Opry."

Charles' decision to record a collection of country songs from artists like Hank

Williams and Eddy Arnold was good timing for the genre, said Diane Pecknold, professor of women's and gender studies at the University of Louisville.

"He came along at a time when the Country Music Association was aggressively working to recast the image of its audience," Pecknold said. "The indus-

try and the popular culture at large tended to view the country music audience as backward hicks, racists, retrograde people generally." Recorded in New York with lush strings and backing choir, Charles doesn't just reinvent the songs, he left his unique mark on them, fusing soul and jazz, country lyrics and orchestral pop.

Fifty years later, the album still holds up as one of the greatest of the genre.

The record spent 14 weeks on the top of the Billboard albums chart. "I Can't Stop Loving You" spent five weeks at No. 1 on the pop charts and 16 weeks at No. 1 on the R&B charts and won the 1962 Grammy Award for best rhythm and blues recording. The first volume sold more than 1 million records, so a second volume came out shortly after. Country publishing suddenly became in high demand as other artists sought to replicate Charles' success.

"He was more successful than anyone in taking country music to pop audiences," said Pecknold.

Rucker, who hosted the TV special, said that artists like Charles and Charley Pride were instrumental in his own path to country music. "Ray went out on a limb and took a chance and nobody wanted him to do it," Rucker said. "He did it anyway. It still stands the test of time. And now for some place like the Opry to pay tribute to Ray is huge." □

Lou Berney keeps tension high in 'November Road'

By OLIVE H. COGDILL

Associated Press

"November Road" (Morrow,) by Lou Berney

Although set in the aftermath of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, "November Road" avoids being another novel about that fateful day in Dallas. Instead, this superior novel from Edgar winner Lou Berney melds crime fiction with a tale about people reinventing themselves, played out during a cross-country automobile trip. "November Road" quickly evolves into an emotional story about the power of love and redemption through sacrifice with the backdrop of a crucial historical moment.

Frank Guidry is at the top of his world as a "fixer extraordinaire" for New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello. Frank knows how to get things done, and that often means with violence. But Frank's world shifts on Nov. 22, 1963, when he hears about JFK's assas-

sination. About two weeks before, Frank had been told to leave a car in a parking lot near Dealey Plaza. Wondering if he brought the assassin's getaway car, Frank worries that he's become a target, especially when another mobster who also was in Dallas for Marcello about the same time is murdered. To avoid execution, Frank takes to the road.

Also on the road is Charlotte Roy, an Oklahoma housewife who has reached her limit with her constantly broke alcoholic husband, Dooley. On a whim, she packs up her two daughters, Joan, 8, and Rosemary, 7, and their dog Lucky, who is prone to seizures, and takes off in their car. Charlotte and Frank meet on the road when her car breaks down, and he suggests they ride with him. At first, Charlotte and her family are a cover for Frank — no killer would look for a man traveling with a woman and children. But Charlotte and Frank begin to care for

each other in ways neither expected.

Berney keeps the tension high as ruthless hit man Barone is hot on Frank's trail. But the strength — and pleasure — of "November Road" is how Charlotte and Frank begin to change, finding new focus and resolve in themselves. They are on a collision course of emotions and needs. Charlotte wants a bigger life than she had, to achieve something for herself and her daughters, so their goals and dreams will never be dismissed as were hers by her teachers, family and boss. Frank needs a smaller life, one that will allow him to regain a soupcon of his soul and maybe find a piece of his heart.

While the mob's involvement has long been one of the conspiracy theories surrounding JFK's assassination, Berney keeps this on the story's periphery. Berney showed his storytelling mettle in his previous three novels, but "Novem-



This cover image released by William Morrow shows "November Road," a novel by Lou Berney.

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ber Road" not only showcases his considerable talents but also gives an insightful look at our past. □

Irish border issued entangled with questions of identity

By **LORNE COOK**
Associated Press
CARRICKCARNAN, Ireland
(AP) — The land around the small Irish town of Carrickcarnan is the kind of place where Britain's plan to leave the European Union runs right into a wall — an invisible one that's proving inordinately difficult to overcome.

Somehow, a border of sorts will have to be drawn between Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom, and EU member Ireland to allow customs control over goods, produce and livestock once the U.K. has fully left the bloc.

That means the largely unpoliced and invisible Irish land border will become the boundary between the EU and the U.K. — raising vexing questions about trade and customs checks. Of all the thorny issues in Brexit negotiations, this has been the toughest, because the challenge of keeping trade running smoothly is deeply entangled with questions of identity: what it means to be from Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland's Catholic and Protestant communities remain divided decades after 30 years of conflict claimed around 3,700 lives. The peace agreement signed in 1998 provides people with the freedom to identify as Irish or British, or both. It helped dismantle Northern Ireland's once heavily-policed and militarized border with Ireland — and the last thing people want now is a new one.

"The peace process took identity and borders out of politics. Brexit has put them slap bang back into the middle again," lamented Northern Ireland business and strategy adviser Conor Houston.

Talks between EU leaders and British Prime Minister Theresa May ran aground this week over the Irish border issue, and are trying to find ways forward ahead of a summit starting Wednesday.

The Northern Ireland-Ireland



In this photo taken on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, the sun lights up the Jonesborough Parish located in Northern Ireland, just next to a cemetery located in the Irish side of the border near Carrickcarnan, Ireland.

border zig-zags all over the map. It cuts around properties, veers over roads and dodges villages. People cross it when they leave home to visit their doctor or go shopping. It's mostly only visible when the speed signs change from kilometers to miles.

The dividing line stretches for 500 kilometers (312 miles) and is dotted with over 250 official road crossings, more than on Europe's entire eastern flank.

A fine example of the Brexit conundrum is the Jonesborough Parish Church. A padlock secures the gate of this run-down Protestant place of worship in the

U.K. An Irish flag flies in the cemetery next door, over the border. In the parking lot, a weather-beaten sign reads: "No EU Frontier in Ireland."

Not so long ago, 12 fortified watchtowers, 4 helicopter bases, a handful of army barracks and police stations dotted the countryside within a 10-mile (16-kilometer) radius.

Border posts stood for authority and made easy targets for paramilitaries. So police came to guard the customs officers. Then the army was called in to protect the police.

Some think that modern technology — drones and

cameras — can defeat old enmities. Others suspect they would be used for target practice.

"For some, that will be seen as surveillance and a throwback to the troubles. Then you're going to have to decide how to protect those drones and cameras," said Peter Sheridan, a retired senior police officer with 32 years' experience in dealing with organized crime. Still, Sheridan says politicians should not cave in to threats. "We cannot be pressured into decisions by those who wield the biggest stick," he said.

About 65 kilometers (40 miles) to the north, in North-

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ern Ireland's capital of Belfast, the barriers are far more visible. In many places, neighborhoods are still separated by high, graffiti-daubed "peace walls." Schools are mostly segregated.

The territory has the U.K.'s highest poverty, suicide and unemployment rates — and there are fears that Brexit might make things worse.

"The tensions just can't be underestimated and it's absolutely pervasive" in parts of Belfast, said Angila Chada from Springboard, a group working with unemployed Protestant and Catholic young people.

It's not all bad news. Trade — mostly in the agricultural and food sectors — has doubled in the last 20 years and Northern Ireland's economy has steadily improved. Still, even in the best Brexit scenario, Aodhan Connolly of the Northern Ireland Retail Consortium notes there will be "a substantial new administrative burden."

More checks on goods crossing the border will mean more paperwork. That means delays, and delays create costs.

"There is very little wiggle room for business. These costs will get passed onto the consumer," Connolly told reporters during a visit to Northern Ireland organized by the Irish government. "It's literally death by a thousand cuts. The food prices will go up, the fuel will go up, the shirt on your back."

Creating a "hard border" — something all parties want to avoid — would make things worse.

On average, commercial vehicles cross the border 13,000 times each day. In the future, around 3,000 loads a day carrying beef, lamb, pork, poultry, eggs or dairy products might have to be stopped. Each check would take about 10 minutes, said Seamus Leheny from Freight Transport Association.

"We would have paralysis here on the border," he said. □



In this photo taken on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, a man walk past a section of one of the Northern Ireland "peace walls" in Cupar Way, Belfast, Ireland.

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